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SUNDAY & Snyder Daily News

Ask Us

Q—Is anyone having a blanket drive this Christmas?

A—Yes. First United Methodist Church is coordinating a blanket drive. Old and new blankets may be donated. The church's outreach committee will distribute the blankets through the Noah Project, Senior Center and Gentle Dove Ministeries. Blankets should be taken to the church at 2700 College Ave.



days until Christmas

Local

Retirement

A retirement reception for Cliff Necessary will be held at the Lone Star Gas Company office, 1712 27th St. from 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30.

Snyder Center

Snyder Nursing Center's Christmas party will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Families are asked to attend and bring a gift for their loved one and cookies for a social.

Rotary Club

Snyder Rotary Club will not meet Thursday due to the Christmas holidays. The club will meet the following Thursday, on New Year's Eve.

Kids' party

All children under age 12 are invited to visit Santa Claus at the VFW on Sunday from 2:30 until 5 p.m.

Gifts and refreshments will be provided for each child. Sponsors are the American Legion and VFW.

Arts & crafts

The second annual Scurry County Christmas Arts and Crafts show will be held from noon until 5 p.m. Sunday in the county coliseum.

The show was also to be held from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday. There is no admission charge.

Weather

Snyder Temperatures: High Friday, 67 degrees; low, 34 degrees; reading at 7 a.m. Saturday, 51 degrees; no precipitation; total precipitation for 1992 to date, 27.71 inches.

Snyder Area Forecast: Saturday night, mostly cloudy. Low around 30. Northeast to east wind 5-10 mph. Sunday, mostly cloudy. High in the mid to upper 40s. East to southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Almanac: Sunset Saturday, 5:44. Sunrise Sunday, 7:38. Sunset Sunday, 5:45. Sunrise Monday, 7:39. Of 353 days in 1992, the sun has shone 329 days in Snyder.

Century II registration due Dec. 31

Local and area residents who plan on making application for the ninth session of Century II Leadership Scurry County only have a short time to do so.

Application deadline for the class is Dec. 31.

The program, sponsored by Western Texas College and Snyder Chamber of Commerce, is aimed at developing community knowledge and leadership skills.

The class will begin Monday, Jan. 11, 1993, and conclude on June 28, meeting twice monthly on Monday afternoons.

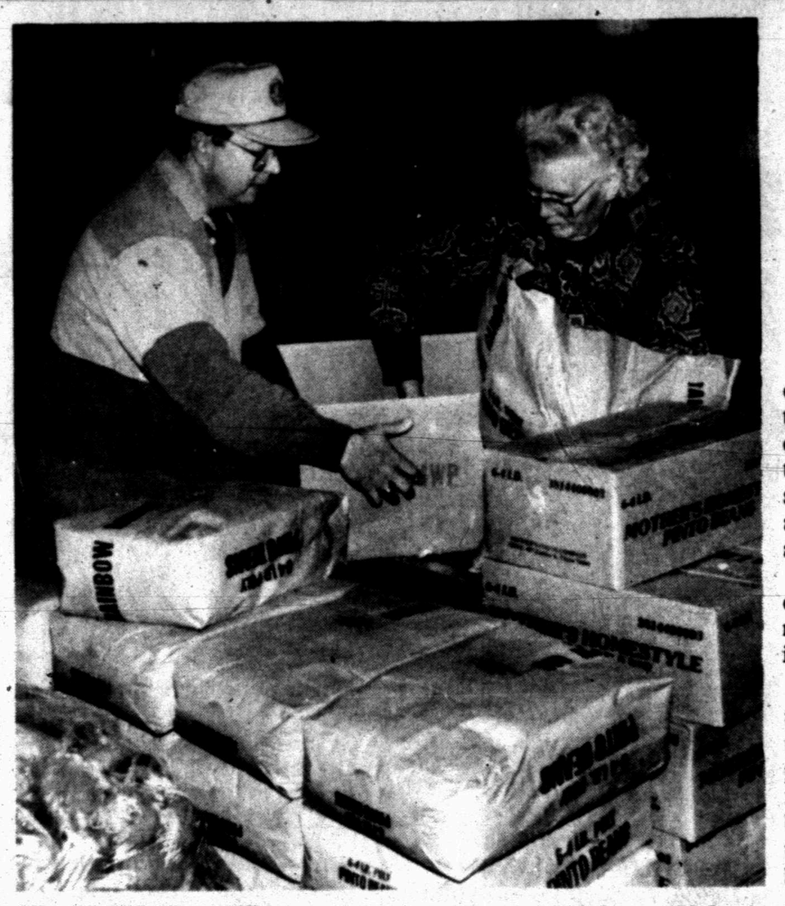
Tuition is $225 for each student, payable to Snyder Chamber of Commerce.

The instructor will be Dr. James Palmer, division chairman for the social and physical science divisions at WTC.

Century II Leadership is aimed at developing and maintaining a pool of well-informed and well-motivated men and women qualified to assume present and future leadership roles in Scurry County. The course will address such topics as the economy, government, education, health care, criminal justice system and petroleum industry in and around the county. The course concludes with an all-day tour of agricultural interests in the county.

The Century II Leadership program began in 1983. Its graduates include county commissioners, county judges, mayors, city council members, school board members, teachers, members of the Board of County Development and many others in responsible positions in their chosen field of work.

Applications are available at the chamber of commerce.



SEASON FOR GIVING — Volunteers Larry McAden and Mattie Morris fill boxes Saturday morning as the Goodfellows and Toys for Tots programs distributed food and toys for the Christmas season. (SDN Staff Photo)

Monday...

Prison resolution, annex renovation on county agenda

County commissioners will consider a resolution supporting the building of a private prison facility in Scurry County and acceptance of bids for materials to make structural changes at the coliseum annex as the court convenes at 10 a.m. Monday.

Also on the agenda is the discussion of a petition to re-open a road near Dunn and several line-item transfers.

Members of Snyder's prison task force have drawn up a resolution in an effort to gain public support for a 500-bed private prison facility for Snyder, which would be built by Corrections Corporation of America, a Tennessee-based private prison firm.

Snyder's task force last week teamed up with CCA, which will propose construction of the unit. The unit would bring between 170 and 200 jobs to Snyder.

The local group has option on a 188-acre tract of land to the northwest of the Price Daniel Unit. The proposed facility would only require 40 acres of land, however.

Groups that have signed in support of the resolution, include the chamber board, board of county development, hospital board and several civic groups.

Commissioners recently approved a project which would move structural support poles in the coliseum annex farther apart, providing more room in the building for events such as rodeos and horse competitions.

Bids for material to complete the project will be considered at Monday's meeting.

Gerald Crawford and the Dan Callaway family are scheduled to speak with commissioners concerning a petition to re-open a road which goes across their property south of Dunn.

The court will consider some seven line-item transfers, including transfers for Scurry County Coliseum, Scurry County Welfare, the health unit, child welfare department, county attorney's office, county extension office and Precinct 4.

The court will approve a bond for county tax collector Rona Sikes, and will discuss what day of the week the court will meet during the coming year.

Approval of bills, minutes from previous meetings and meetings of county boards and committees are the only other items on the agenda.

Somali gangs demand money but relief workers stand firm

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Gangs tried to resume extorting money from aid workers, but the workers, backed by U.S. firepower, kicked them out of Mogadishu's port and said Saturday they expect no more confrontations.

The capital has been relatively peaceful since U.S. troops landed last Wednesday. Overnight, rival warlords Ali Mahdi Mohamed and Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid repeated a pledge to remove their forces from Mogadishu.

The troops are being pressed to move beyond Mogadishu and the two other towns they have secured — Baidoa, 120 miles west — and a small town with an old military airstrip in between, Beli Dogle.

Patrice Franceschi of French Humanitarian Action said that in spite of U.S. troops at Mogadishu's port, gangs who had been active there returned Friday, harassing the crews of two French ships, another belonging to the Red Cross and a fourth to the U.N. World Food Program.

Franceschi said Friday's dispute was perhaps a last attempt by the gangs to continue their old ways, and that they were discouraged by the aid workers's firmness.

Also Friday, Ali Mahdi's radio station in the northern part of the

(see SOMALIA, page 12A)

Merritt receives major promotion

One of Snyder's original two parole officers has been promoted to program administrator for the Texas Department of Pardons and Paroles and will report to Austin in early January.

Douglas Merritt, a member of the Snyder High School class of 1953, has been at the Snyder parole office since it opened in June of 1989. He has been a parole officer for just over five-and-a-half years, working in the Brownwood and Georgetown districts prior to moving back to Snyder.

Merritt will report to Austin on Jan. 4, where he will serve as a hearing analyst, reviewing reports and making recommendations to the pardons and parole staff and board concerning parole cases.

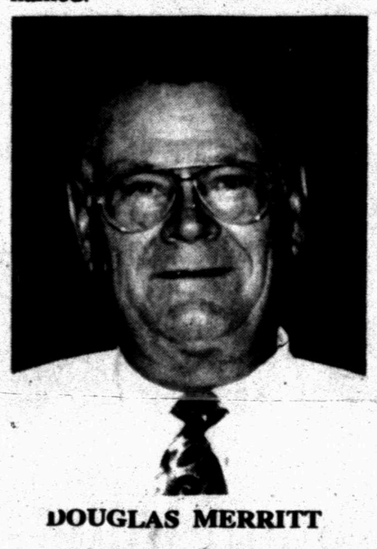
Merritt said he had mixed feelings about accepting the promotion. "It's hard to leave a place where you grew up, and just came back and got re-established," he said.

The 20-year military veteran did say that he is no stranger to moving from place to place, however.

After retiring from the Army as an automotive maintenance officer, Merritt returned to college, earning a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from University of Texas-El Paso. He then received a master of arts degree in administration of justice from Webster University in St. Louis, and a doctorate in rehabilitative counseling from Columbia Pacific University in San Rafael, Calif.

Prior to working as a parole officer, Merritt worked almost seven years as an adult probation officer and served three years as director of a restitution center in El Paso.

Matt Spears, who currently serves as supervisor for Scurry, Mitchell, Taylor and Nolan counties, will work in Scurry County until a replacement for Merritt is named.



DOUGLAS MERRITT



SENIOR OFFICERS — Elected as senior class officers for the 1992-93 school year were, left to right, Karri Blackledge, treasurer; Julie Zeck, secretary; Jaycie Wright, vice-president; and Dell Blackwell, president. Officer elections were held last week at SHS. (SDN Staff Photo)

Building permits show $25,000 in construction

The City of Snyder issued building permits reflecting $25,700 in construction for November.

The permits include an addition at 3301 Ave. V, owned by Donny Brown; a greenhouse at 2111 30th St., owned by Marshall Parham; a mobile home at 2201 Peyton, owned by Patty Leatherwood; and a carport at 2011 11th St., owned by Johnny Alvarez.

November's construction brings the year-to-date total to $99,580. In comparison, the year-to-date total for last year was $175,400.

Year-to-date is based on the fiscal year, which begins in October.

The building inspector's office also issued electrical and plumbing permits. Permit fees for the month totaled $609.95.

The SDN Column

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "An unbreakable toy is one that's guaranteed to last through New Year."

During tough economic times, the family pet is still likely to come out okay at Christmas. A national survey revealed that 13 percent of belt-tightening gift givers are likely to strike the boss from their list. But only eight percent of those polled would fail to remember Fido.

We read about some four-footed finery. The Boné Jour Boutique sells canine and feline jewelry. Your pet can enjoy a faux pearl necklace with a gold dog bone, or you can choose one with a silver fish, or gold beads with mice.

A pet with more simple tastes can enjoy a presidential squeaky toy. And for something to wear, you can pick up a pair of pet antlers, or a Santa suit.

Better think twice before leaving milk and cookies out for Santa this year. He's on a diet — or he should be.

Santa is a risk, according to the medical experts. St. Nick is commonly known to be overweight and likely suffers from high cholesterol.

Also, frequently smoking a pipe is a big negative, says a cancer institute specialist. An disease control expert says, "He probably has cardiac and pulmonary problems, too, from all the chimney dirt that gets into his lungs.

A staff psychologist speculates about chronic depression from the months spent in darkness at the North Pole. And one more warning - the staff dietitian firmly suggests that Santa steer clear of all the cookies and dairy products left out for snacks on Christmas Eve.

But after all these years, Santa performs his big annual task on time, and with a cheerful, jolly attitude. From the experts conclude he must be doing something right.



ANNA MARIE ALVAREZ

Alvarez earns Tech degree

Anna Marie Alvarez, daughter of Anastacio Jr. and Alice Alvarez of Snyder, has earned a bachelor of business administration degree in management from Texas Tech University.

Graduation ceremonies were to be conducted Saturday.

Alvarez, a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School, attended Western Texas College prior to transferring to Texas Tech.

Last B-52 leaves Carswell Air Force Base

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Carswell Air Force Base, once the home for aircraft bombers for more than 50 years, has said farewell to the last of its B-52 aircraft.

The last of the base's 22 Stratofortress B-52s left Friday for Barksdale Air Force Base, near Shreveport, La., the group's new home.

"I'd rather open something than close something," said Fort Worth Mayor Kay Granger at a ceremony attended by more than 250 military and civic dignitaries.

Carswell was one of several military installations nationwide ordered closed as a part of the 1991 Base Realignment and Closure Act. More than 20 bases were targeted for shutdown.

The ceremony Friday formally decommissioned the 7th Bomb Wing, once one of the largest flying units in the Strategic Air Command.

"It's a heart-bending deal to see this airfield empty after all these years," said Mike Gross, who flew on B-36 bombers from Carswell during the 1950s. "It just doesn't look right without all those big old tails sticking up into the sky."

On Wednesday, the last of Carswell's refueling aircraft left Fort Worth to become a museum piece. Several other planes from the base have been sent to boneyards in the deserts of New Mexico and others are being reassigned.

A squadron of F-16 Fighting Falcons, part of the Air Force Reserve's 301st Tactical Fighter Wing, will continue to operate from Carswell after the base officially closes in September.

Fort Worth officials are hoping Lockheed Corp.'s decision to buy General Dynamics Corp.'s F-15 fighter plant on the west side of the base could mean a new future for the airfield.

Lockheed officials have hinted they may be interested in using the airfield for aircraft maintenance or other aviation-related activities.



CUB SCOUT DONATION — Tiger Cub Scouts in Den 6, Pack 61 recently donated toys to Toys For Tots and toured the facility. James Fields, who headed the project this year, spoke to them about the organization. Fields and Otie Jones are standing in back. Cub Scouts pictured are P.K. Wadleigh, Richard Grandey, Kendall Tidwell, Thomas Plock, Tucker Early and K.J. French. (Cub Scout Photo)

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Public Records

New Vehicle Registrations

C.H. Ater, 1993 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

WDI Construction, Inc., 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Larry Bolding, 1992 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Neil Rinehart, 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

Richard E. Hardin and Rhonda D. Hardin, 1993 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Lane L. Bowers, 1992 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

F.W. Campbell; 1992 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

Amoco Pipeline Company, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Southern Electric, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

PRIDECO, 1993 Ford pickup from Don Thornton Motors.

Abel Garza, 1993 Ford pickup from Wilson Motors.

Mesquite Oil Tools and Jerry Pechacek, 1993 Chevrolet Suburban from Big Country Chevrolet.

Patterson Drilling Company, Inc., 1993 Chevrolet pickup from Big Country Chevrolet.

McDonald Welding Supply, Inc., 1991 Buick from Howard Gray Motors.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp., 13 1993 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Chevrolet.

Anadarko Petroleum Corp., two 1992 Chevrolet pickups from Big Country Chevrolet.

Dale Sands, 1993 Mercury from Wilson Motors.

O.C. Howick, 1993 Chevrolet Lumina from Big Country Chevrolet.

Marriage Licenses

Gary Lynn Digby of Snyder and Lheila Leann Green of Sweetwater.

William Herbert Cauble and Deborah Trammell Ellison, both of Snyder.

Wendell Van Iglehart and Tracy Michelle Polk, both of Ira.

Franklin Ray Joshua and Linda Louise Dunham, both of Snyder.

Action in District Court

In the marriage of Mary Katherine Simmons and Jack Anthony Simmons, divorce granted.

In the marriage of Jimmy A. Elam and Angela K. Elam, divorce granted.

Warranty Deeds

Joe F. Landrum to Armando Ynguanzo, Lots 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 90 in the Town of Fluvanna.

Billy W. Gleastine, et ux, to Santos Gutierrez, et ux, the south 50 feet of the north 100 feet of Lot 3, Block 21 in the Original Town of Snyder.

L.F. Elder, et ux, to Mary Kimmel, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 30 of Andress Heights Addition.

Mark A. Doty, et ux, to Mark Doty, et ux, Lot 1, Block F of Highland Park Addition.

Bernice Featherston to Don Massingill, Lot 30, Block 3 of Parkway Addition.

Mozell Rogenstein, et ux, to Powell Box, et ux, Section 224, Block 2 of H&TC survey.

McMillon graduates

Matthew Don McMillon of Snyder was one of 234 participants in December commencement exercises Friday at Abilene Christian University.

He received a bachelor of business administration degree in managment.

The Civil War Battle of Gettysburg ended after Confederate Gen. George Pickett's troops suffered severe losses in his famous charge.

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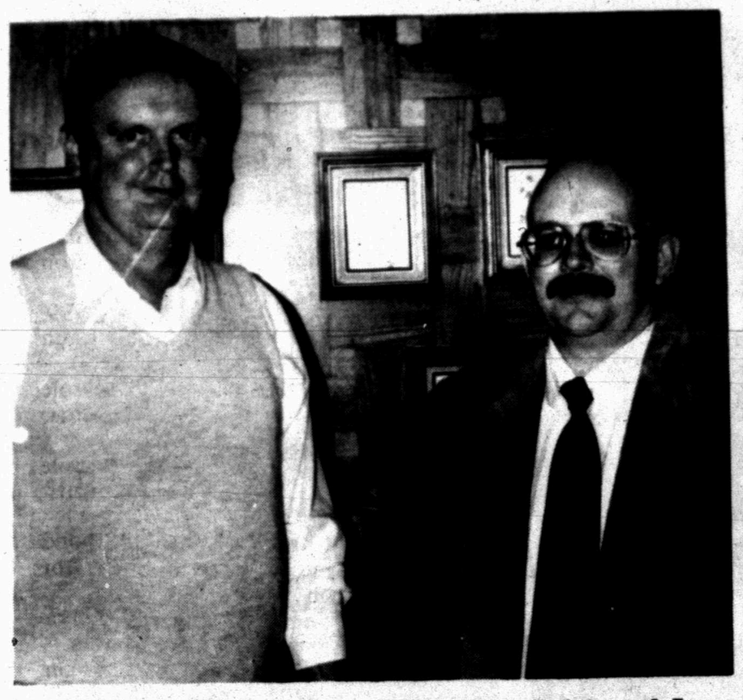
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SERVICE TO CITY — Terry Don McDowell, left, and Jerry Parker were recognized for 20 and 15 years service, respectively, to the City of Snyder during the city's annual awards banquet. (SDN Staff Photo)



CITY AWARDS — These men were among those city employees recognized for 10 years of service during the city's recently-held banquet. They are, from left, Darrell Callahan, Scott Cunningham, Kyle Cox and Kevin Fritz. Not pictured is Darrell Craig. (SDN Staff Photo)



MASONS HONORED — These Masons, all members of Scurry County Lodge #706, were honored on Dec. 11 for their years of service to the organization. From left are Herman Elkins, Stiles W. "Red" Trevey, and William K. Patterson, all 50 years. Also honored, but not pictured, were Carl Whitfield, 50 years; Dewey Denson, 60 years; and O.D. Davis, 65 years. (Lodge #706 Photo)

Limit to number of parolees sought

HOUSTON (AP) — Mayor Bob Lanier says he hopes to convince state lawmakers next year to cut as many as 10,000 parolees from the Houston area, an action he claims could cut crime by as much as 30,000 incidents every year.

Lanier announced the plan Thursday, saying crime reduction will be his top legislative priority. The plan is part of the city's lobbying effort to the Legislature when the session begins next month.

Kerry Cook's retrial ends with hung jury

GEORGETOWN, Texas (AP) — A state district judge declared a mistrial Friday in the capital murder retrial of Kerry Max Cook after concluding the jury was hopelessly deadlocked.

State District Judge Joe Tunnell set a new trial date for March 26 in Georgetown for Cook, who is accused of the 1977 mutilation murder of a Tyler secretary.

Cook was convicted a year later of capital murder in the case, but the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals overturned the verdict last year.

The appeals court said the jury heard inadmissible testimony during the trial's punishment phase.

Tunnell had ordered the jury into a fifth day of deliberations Friday, despite three split votes. But about 3 p.m., Tunnell ended the trial, saying it was improbable a unanimous verdict could be reached.

The jury had been sequestered throughout the trial, and the panel's oldest member was under treatment for high blood pressure and lack of sleep.

On Thursday, Tunnell urged the jury to continue.

"There is no reason to hope the next jury will find the questions any easier to decide. Don't do violence to your conscience, but continue your deliberations," the judge said.

A defense attorney had asked for a mistrial Thursday after the vote showed the jury deadlocked 8-4.

Craft returns

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Discovery returned to its home base Friday from the eighth and final shuttle flight of 1992.

Riding piggyback on its Boeing 747 carrier aircraft, the shuttle touched down on the Kennedy Space Center runway at 2:41 p.m.

Discovery and its five-member military crew lifted off with a spy satellite Dec. 2 and were supposed to return directly to Florida Dec. 9.

But clouds moving in from the Atlantic Ocean forced a diversion to Edwards Air Force Base in California. NASA administrators worried that rain could damage the shuttle's thermal tiles.

The shuttle's return to Florida was delayed by bad weather on its route home.

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SALE
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$199
Pulaski Hall Tree
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Sale
$220
Computer Desk, Hutch, & Printer Stand
Sale $129
Gun Cabinet
Starts At
$335
Wood Rockers
Start At
$95
Swivel Rockers
Start At
$139
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$159
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FIVE YEARS — Recognized at an awards banquet for five years service to the city were, left to right, Vic Frausto, Melissa Kruger and Trevlyn Pitner. (SDN Staff Photo)



BEST USE OF LIGHTS — Scurry County employees's float, "West Texas Christmas," won Best Use of Lights. Jack McGlaun, right, grand marshal of the parade, makes the presentation to, from left, Diana Williamson, Sheila Means, Scott Kesner and Sy Tabor. (SDN Staff Photo)

Impact of duty-free cap exaggerated

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — A Mexican government official on Friday denied that a $50 cap on duty-free imports into his country is seriously hindering business along the border.

Herminio Blanco, Mexico's undersecretary of commerce for foreign trade, said the limit is not impeding trade and reports of its impact are exaggerated.

"Mexican regulations are the same as the U.S. regulations," Blanco, Mexico's chief negotiator on the free trade agreement, said at a luncheon sponsored by the El Paso Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Woman becomes citizen at last

HOUSTON (AP) — Maria Estela Nivot Nieto spent the last day of her first century on Earth becoming an American.

Since traveling to the United States for the first time nearly 70 years ago, she said she often dreamed about being a citizen but never thought it would happen because she can only speak Spanish.

But language proved to be no barrier Friday as Mrs. Nieto was sworn in during a citizenship ceremony for 617 immigrants from 78 countries.

"I'm very nervous and very excited," she said with her great-grandson Lewis Gottlieb acting as her interpreter. "It's been a lot of walking, but I'm real excited about this opportunity. It's something I've always wanted."

Recently, she learned the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service allows residents to be interviewed in their own language if they meet certain age and legal residence requirements.

On Friday, Mrs. Nieto was accompanied by seven family members representing five generations who were all escorted into the gymnasium at the North Harris County College for the ceremony.

Gottlieb said his family planned a party to celebrate Mrs. Nieto's citizenship and her 100th birthday, which is Saturday.

Mrs. Nieto stood proudly for the swearing-in ceremony, raising her right hand high over her head as U.S. District Judge Ewing Werlein administered the oath. She then hugged her daughter, Carmen Nieto.

The white-haired woman, who walks quickly with a cane, grinned and laughed after the national anthem was sung. Her daughter, standing at her left, was crying.

"She's just as excited as I am," Carmen Nieto said. "After living here all these years, she's wanted to be a citizen. Sometimes recently when she was in bed, she'd say 'I'm so happy I'm going to be an American.'"

At the end of the ceremony, she was presented with her naturalization certificate, which she signed and then held up proudly as photographers snapped away and others in the audience stopped to congratulate her.

"It's a great day, a very great day," she said.

INS spokesman Mariela Morelo-Chami said that as far as she knows, Mrs. Nieto is the oldest person ever in the Southern District of the INS to be naturalized. The district covers Florida to New Mexico.

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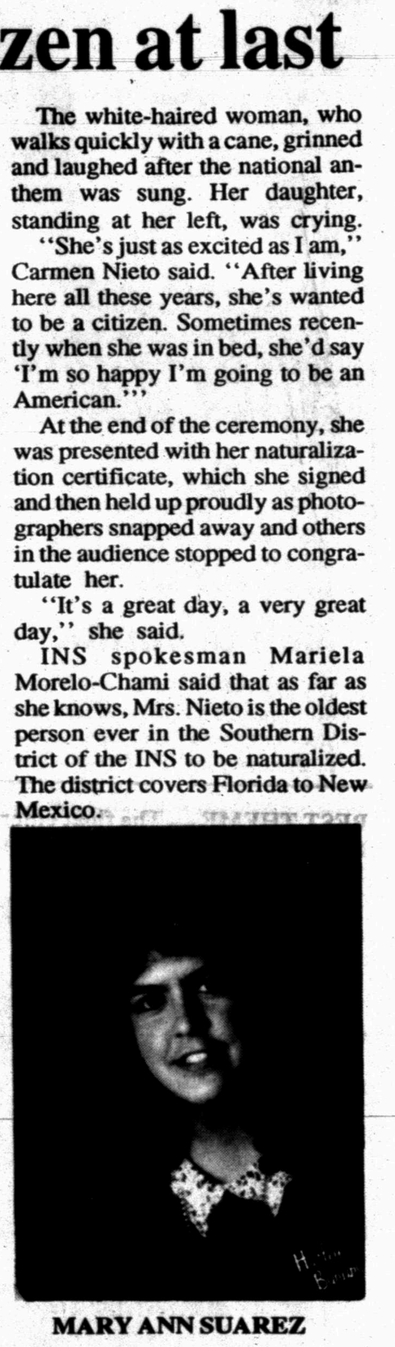
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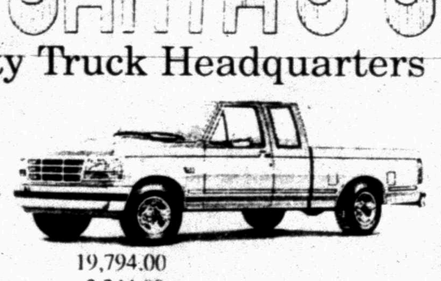
MARY ANN SUAREZ

To graduate

Mary Ann Suarez, daughter of Joe and Lupe Suarez of Snyder, Saturday was to receive her bachelor of business administration degree in management from Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is a 1988 graduate of Snyder High School.

SANTA'S SPECIALS

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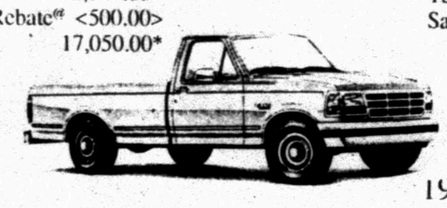
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MOST UNIQUE — Ricky Fritz, right, presents a plaque to members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Latter Day Saints who entered the float winning Most Unique in Snyder's second annual lighted Christmas Parade, "Southwest Christmas." From left are Lavern Fry, Bonnie Fry, Glenn Burns, Jean Burns and G.J. Burns. (SDN Staff Photo)



BEST THEME — The float entered by Colonial Hill Baptist Church won the Best Theme award in the annual lighted Christmas parade. From left, Jeanie Rice, Mary Atwood, Billy Tim Atwood, Jerald Garner and Evaristo Zuniga receive the plaque from grand marshal of the parade, Jack McGlaun, for CHBC's float, "Live Nativity." (SDN Staff Photo)

1,100 pounds of cocaine seized by police

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A multi-agency task force has seized 1,100 pounds of cocaine and arrested four men linked to a McAllen-based drug organization, an official said Friday.

The arrests Thursday stemmed from a surveillance operation targeting the drug-trafficking ring, which has ties to Mexico and the northern United States, said Lupe Trevino, coordinator of the Hidalgo County Financial Disruption Task Force.

He said task force agents followed a car with Mexican plates to north McAllen, where the men inside met with a man driving a van.

"There was an exchange of drivers and other activity which gave us enough probable cause" to act, said Trevino.

Task force agents assisted by McAllen police stopped the van, which proved to be full of cocaine, said Trevino.

The driver was arrested on the scene. The others were arrested later, he said.

Authorities also seized $58,000 in cash found inside the car. The cocaine has a wholesale value of up to $20 million, said Trevino.

The men were to be charged with conspiracy and possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

Cunnington picked to attend Bill Clinton's inauguration

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Christopher Cunnington of Snyder will attend the Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council in Washington, D.C. from Jan 17-21. He is among 500 outstanding high school students from across the country who will have the opportunity to experience the inauguration of the 42nd president of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton.

Conference participants, who will represent their schools and communities, have been selected by their high school principals based on demonstrated academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.

During this event, the young leaders will meet with members of Congress, executive officials, historians, academics, and leading journalists to gain a deeper understanding of the history, tradition, and significance of the American electoral process and the presidential inauguration.

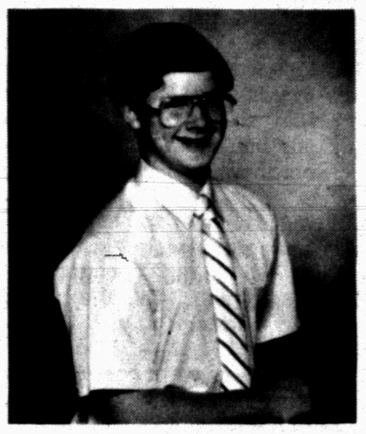
Cunnington will attend the swearing-in ceremony of the 42nd president of the U.S. and the inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Ave.

Additional program highlights include visits to the offices of the students' senators and representatives, a performance at the Kennedy Center, and a foreign policy briefing at the State Department.

Visits to the presidential transition team, the armed forces inaugural committee and the presidential inaugural committee give the young leaders a behind-the-scenes look at the presidential campaign, candidates and inauguration.

Finally, Cunnington's week will culminate with a black tie dinner and inaugural youth ball.

This is the third Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Conference, a nonprofit, nonpartisan, civic education organization. The council's mission is to recognize outstanding youth and to provide them with "hands-on" civics learning experience in the nation's capitol.



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Ban considered

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal agency plans to ban the discharge of brine from oil and gas wells into Texas coastal waters because scientists have found they can cause environmental problems.

Brine, an extremely salty water, comes to the surface with oil and gas and often is laced with toxic chemicals, metals and radioactive materials.

In extreme cases, brine discharges essentially have wiped out all life in parts of some coastal streams.

Now, the Environmental Protection Agency is planning a ban that would take effect next week.

EPA spokesman David Bary told the Houston Chronicle the ban will be an action of the agency's five-state region that includes Texas. The agency already has issued regulations to limit the toxicity of brine dumped into offshore waters.

Texas Railroad Commission spokesman Brian Schaible says the state agency believes the ban will force many coastal wells to shut down because production is too small to pay for alternatives like reinjecting brine underground.

Commission records show 240 permits have been issued for oil and gas wells to discharge brine into Texas coastal waters.

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Journey to Eternity (34)...

GOD'S PATTERN FOR WORSHIP

By Homer Anderson



Last week we examined the New Testament teaching for God's blueprint for the origin and organization of the church. Today, let's see what the Bible teaches about God's pattern for worship and the work of the New Testament church.

When Christians assemble to worship God they sing **(Hebrews 2:12)**, pray **(1 Corinthians 14:15)**, teach and preach the gospel **(Acts 5:42)**, participate in the body and blood of Christ by eating and drinking the Lord's supper **(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)**, and provide for the needs of the church and the needy with a freewill offering **(1 Corinthians 16:1-2)**.

The all-consuming mission of the church is to save souls **(Mark 16:15-16)**. Another primary work of the church is to care for the poor **(Galatians 2:10; 5:14; 6:10; James 1:27)**. Edifying or building up the church or body of Christ is a third major work of the church **(Ephesians 4:12, 15, 16)**.

Such is the pattern of the church for which Christ died. Is it a church with which you are familiar? Does the blueprint fit the church you know? If not, may we urge you to attend the services of a New Testament congregation. They welcome you!

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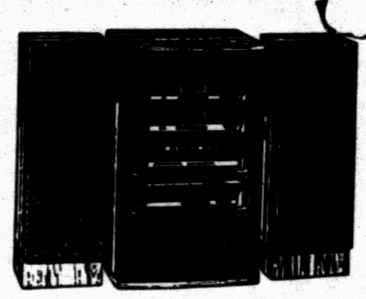
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Tarkanian is fired; Lucas to lead Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs owner didn't waste any time replacing fired Jerry Tarkanian with another newcomer to pro coaching, former NBA player John Lucas.

Five hours after hastily gathering reporters to announce Tarkanian had been "terminated," Spurs owner Red McCombs summoned them again Friday night to announce Lucas had been hired.

"John is a great player. John is a great person. I've always felt he would be a great leader on the floor," McCombs said. "I am extremely excited about John agreeing to some over here and coach the Spurs."

McCombs said Lucas, 39, would begin coaching the team immediately.

Lucas played for seven teams, including San Antonio, from 1976-1989 after he was the first overall pick in the 1976 draft by Houston. He was in and out of rehabilitation for cocaine addiction during his playing career, and has devoted his life recently to fighting drug abuse.

Lucas becomes the first black coach of the San Antonio Spurs.

Tarkanian, 62, coached UNLV to the 1990 NCAA championship and compiled a record of 625-122 (83.7 percent) in 24 seasons, five at Long Beach State and 19 at UNLV. The Spurs, expected to contend in the NBA Western Conference this season, were 9-11 after Thursday night's 121-109 loss to Houston.

The Spurs defeated the Dallas Mavericks Friday night 122-101.

Tarkanian said his brief stint with the Spurs ended because of a disagreement with McCombs about point guards. Tarkanian said he wrote McCombs a letter Monday saying again San Antonio needs a stronger point guard.

"I thought we needed a point guard, and I felt without one the expectations were unrealistic," Tarkanian said. "The losses were taking their toll on me."

He was named coach on April 15, after leading the Runnin' Rebels to records of 35-5, 34-1 and 26-2 in his last three college seasons. He was in the first year of a three-year contract with the Spurs that pays him $500,000 a season.

Tarkanian said the losses made it hard for him to sleep at night, and his health was being affected.

"My blood pressure has gone up. I've had chest pains. I've had health problems," he said.

Tarkanian said he won't coach again.

"I'm all done," Tarkanian said. "I probably shouldn't have gotten into it this time. I'm 62 years old. I probably ought to be out watering the flowers."

Both McCombs and Tarkanian said it ended on cordial terms.

"He put effort and a great ability into developing this team," said McCombs, adding that he and Tarkanian had "a very honest difference of opinion" about their expectations for Spurs players.

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NBA roundup...

Seattle upends Trail Blazers

by The Associated Press

The Portland Trail Blazers, Western Conference champions last season, are one of the teams NBA opponents measure themselves against.

If Friday night's 126-109 victory is any indication, the Seattle SuperSonics are progressing just fine.

"We need to win some of these games and prove we're just as good as they are," Seattle's Shawn Kemp said. "This is a big confidence booster for us."

Kemp scored 11 of his 25 points as the Sonics stayed in control in the fourth quarter. Ricky Pierce had 13 of his 19 points on 6-for-7 shooting in the final period.

"It's not very often you control a game against a great team like that," Sonics coach George Karl said.

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New York 113, Boston 87; Utah 112, Philadelphia 98; Cleveland 119, Sacramento 108; Atlanta 108, Miami 100; Detroit 122, Indiana 106; San Antonio 122, Dallas 101; the Los Angeles Clippers 103, Minnesota 95; and Phoenix 116, the Los Angeles Lakers 100.

Suns 116, Lakers 100

Phoenix won its ninth consecutive game and sixth straight on the road, routing Los Angeles behind Charles Barkley's 25 points and 23 rebounds and 24 points by Cedric Ceballos.

Barkley scored 20 points in the second half and Ceballos had 18 points in the first quarter on 9-for-10 shooting.

Tony Smith and Sedale Threatt finished with 16 points each for the Lakers, who fell into fourth place in the Pacific Division.

Clippers 103, Timberwolves 95

Danny Manning scored 27 points on 11-for-14 shooting and Los Angeles held Minnesota without a field goal for more than six minutes of the fourth quarter.

Ken Norman had 23 points for the Clippers, who have won their last seven meetings with Minnesota.

Rookie Christian Laettner led the visiting Timberwolves with 24 points and 10 rebounds. But his teammates could not fill the void left by team scoring leader Chuck Person, who strained his right Achilles' tendon just 2:35 after the opening tip.

Knicks 113, Celtics 87

New York broke a 23-game regular-season losing streak at Boston Garden behind Patrick Ewing's 30 points and 14 rebounds.

The Knicks' last previous regular-season win was Feb. 29, 1984, although they won a playoff game in Boston in 1990.

New York's NBA-leading defense held the Celtics to 41 percent shooting. The Knicks, who shot 55 percent, held their opponent under 100 points for the 12th time in 14 games, 11 of them victories.

Reggie Lewis led the Celtics with 24 points.

Spurs 122, Mavericks 101

Sean Elliott scored a career-high 41 points and San Antonio won its first game after the firing of coach Jerry Tarkanian.

Elliott was 16 of 22 from the field in surpassing his previous career-high of 32 points, set 10 days earlier against Utah.

Dallas, 0-7 on the road and 2-16 overall; was led by Derek Harper with 23 points. Dale Ellis scored 24 points and David Robinson 18 for San Antonio.

Jazz 112, 76ers 98

Karl Malone scored 23 points and John Stockton had 17 points and a season-high 22 assists as Utah used a 36-12 second-half run to win at Philadelphia.

It was the fourth straight win for the Jazz, while the 76ers lost for the 11th time in 13 games and dropped their home record to 2-10.

Clarence Weatherspoon scored 17 points and Charles Shackleford had 14 points and 17 rebounds for the Sixers.

Cavaliers 119, Kings 108

Larry Nance and Mark Price scored 22 points each and both made 9 of 13 shots for Cleveland against Sacramento.

The victory was the fourth straight for the Cavaliers, a season high, while the Kings lost their seventh consecutive game. Sacramento, which won at home against the Cavs last month, has not won at Richfield Coliseum since 1984.

Mitch Richmond and Lionel Simmons each scored 16 points for the Kings.

Hawks 108, Heat 100

Mookie Blaylock scored 20 points and Jon Koncak made the key plays for Atlanta at Miami.

The Hawks led 95-93 before a three-point play by Koncak, who scored 13 points, and Kevin Willis' basket extended their advantage to 100-93 with 3:57 left.

The Heat's two leading scorers, Glen Rice and Rony Seikaly, were held to nine points apiece. Bimbo Coles led Miami with 22.

Pistons 122, Pacers 106

Terry Mills scored a season-high 20 points and Detroit also had its highest total of the season in a victory over Indiana.

The Pistons, 7-1 in December, have won their last six games at home and eight of their last nine overall to get back to .500 (10-10) after a seven-game losing streak in November.

Detlef Schrempf had 18 points for the Pacers, who won four of their previous five on the road. Sean Green scored eight of his career-high 17 points in the fourth quarter for Indiana.

NBA glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	15	7	.682	—
New Jersey	12	10	.545	3
Orlando	10	9	.526	3½
Boston	10	13	.435	5½
Washington	7	15	.318	8
Miami	6	14	.300	8
Philadelphia	5	15	.250	9

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	15	6	.714	—
Indiana	12	10	.545	3½
Cleveland	12	11	.522	4
Atlanta	11	11	.500	4½
Charlotte	11	11	.500	4½
Detroit	10	10	.500	4½
Milwaukee	10	12	.455	5½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Utah	14	6	.700	—
Houston	12	7	.632	1½
San Antonio	10	11	.476	4½
Denver	7	13	.350	7
Minnesota	5	14	.263	8½
Dallas	2	16	.111	11

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Phoenix	16	4	.800	—
Portland	14	7	.667	2½
Seattle	14	7	.667	2½
LA Lakers	13	8	.619	3½
LA Clippers	13	9	.591	4
Golden State	10	11	.476	6½
Sacramento	6	15	.286	10½

Friday's Games

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Cleveland 119, Sacramento 108
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Saturday's Games

Miami at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Dallas at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Milwaukee, 9 p.m.
LA Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.
LA Clippers at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Minnesota at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Sacramento at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Portland, 10 p.m.

Brownfield Invitational...

Tigers fall to tourney hosts

BROWNFIELD — Snyder coach Bud Birks said Friday that Brownfield had one of the top basketball teams in West Texas.

They proved it Friday night when they handed Birks' 9-1 Tigers a 57-43 loss in the championship semifinals at the Brownfield Rotary Invitational tournament.

The Cubs stayed in the running for the title at their own tourney with a strong start. They outscored SHS, 21-12, in the opening eight minutes, and held a 10-point 33-23 lead at the end of the half.

"It was a winnable game for us," said Birks. "The truth of the matter is that we got behind, we caught back up, then we got impatient on offense.

"We were within four points many times. We just didn't run our offense. We've got to get better at that."

Snyder narrowed the gap to seven with a 14-11 third quarter surge, but could only score six in the final period, while giving up 13.

Barretta Collins led the Tigers with 17 points. Tory Garza added six and Steven Bollinger nailed five.

Brownfield's Shad Evans was the game's high scorer, connecting for 21 points.

The Tigers were to have taken on Artesia, N.M. Saturday at 5:30 p.m. for third place.

Artesia fell to Andrews, 70-58, in Friday's other semifinal contest.

In other games Friday, Sweetwater advanced to the consolation final by beating Littlefield, 58-57, in overtime, and Slaton eliminated Odessa High, 89-74.

Saturday games began at 4 p.m. when Slaton battled Sweetwater. Andrews played host Brownfield for the tourney title at 7 p.m.

Snyder's next outing will be an appearance at the Dec. 28-30 Canyon Tournament.

Snyder	12	11	14	6	-43
Brownfield	21	12	11	13	-57

Leading scorers: Snyder — Collins 17; Brownfield — Evans 21. **Record:** Snyder 9-2.

Rotary Invitational at Brownfield

Thursday, Dec. 17

Artesia N.M. 70, Slaton 68
Andrews 63, Odessa 53
Snyder 63, Sweetwater 48
Brownfield 59, Littlefield 57

Friday, Dec. 18

Slaton 89, Odessa 74
Andrews 70, Artesia N.M. 58
Sweetwater 58, Littlefield 57 (OT)
Brownfield 57, Snyder 43

Saturday, Dec. 19

Consolation — Slaton vs. Sweetwater at 4 p.m.
Third-place — Snyder vs. Artesia at 5:30 p.m.
Championship — Brownfield vs. Andrews at 7 p.m.

Big Spring hands SHS 65-34 non-district loss

BIG SPRING — Big Spring's Lady Steers showed why they are considered one of the teams to beat in District 3-4A, as they handed Snyder a 65-34 non-district cage loss Friday.

Big Spring jumped out early, taking a 16-4 first-period advantage, then stretched the margin to 44-16 at halftime with a 28-point second-quarter burst.

The Lady Tigers were paced by junior Annie Ragland, who put in 12 points. Big Spring's Anisa Fryar canned 21 to lead all scorers.

The Lady Steers move to 10-3 overall this season, while Snyder sports a 3-10 mark.

Big Spring also captured a win in the JV matchup Friday night, beating Snyder, 44-26.

The Lady Tigers were to have visited Sweetwater Saturday for freshmen, JV and varsity games, beginning at 1 p.m.

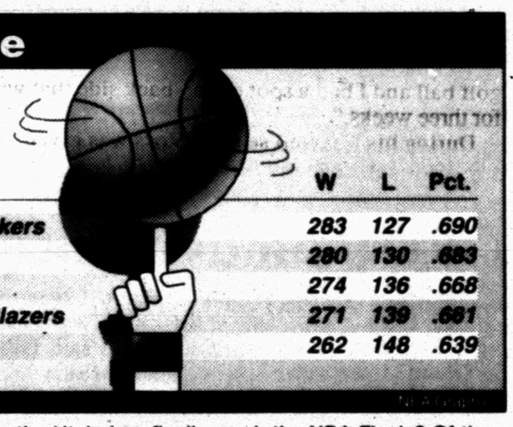
The Snyder girls will then take off for the holidays. Their next contest is scheduled for Dec. 28 when the JV begins play in the Abilene Junior Varsity Tournament and the varsity appears at the Slaton Tournament.

District 2-4A competition starts Jan. 11 when defending loop champion Levelland visits Scurry County Coliseum.

Snyder	4	12	8	10	-34
Big Spring	16	28	14	7	-65

Leading scorers: Snyder — Annie Ragland 12; Big Spring — Fryar 21, Cook 11. **Records:** Snyder 3-10, Big Spring 10-3. **JV score:** Big Spring 44, Snyder 26.

NBA elite



The five best teams over the last five years

Team	W	L	Pct.
Los Angeles Lakers	283	127	.690
Chicago Bulls	280	130	.683
Detroit Pistons	274	136	.668
Portland Trail Blazers	271	139	.681
Utah Jazz	262	148	.639

Source: NBA

Could this be the year the Utah Jazz finally reach the NBA Finals? Of the five winningest teams over the past five seasons combined, only the Jazz have not appeared in the league's championship series. The Lakers are 1-2 in the NBA Finals during the last five seasons; the Bulls are 2-0; the Pistons are 2-1 and the Trail Blazers are 0-2.

Bowling News

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Team	W	L
Carousel Arcade	33	23
Louise Coffee Shop	32	24
E.D. Walton Const.	30½	25½
IGA	28½	27½
City National Bank	28	28
House of Treasures	28	28
Cogdell	27	29
B&B Liquor	17	39

High Series: IGA 2219; Vicky Renshaw 597. **High game:** Carousel Arcade 761; Daphene Blerins 219. **High handicap series:** B&B Liquor 2476; Cara Lindsey 681. **High handicap game:** City National Bank 834; Sammie Lyle 249.

Converted splits: Vicky Renshaw 3-6-7-10; Doris Harrison 3-10; Cindy Aikin 2-7; Diana Iglehart 5-7; Sammie Lyle 5-7; Gloria Peppers 2-7-8; Norma Shaw 5-6, 5-6; Sherry Comer 4-10; Dot Motley 2-7, 7-9-10; Terri Blocker 3-10; Christine Cooley 5-6, 5-6; Sherry Walker 2-7.

200-500: Norma Shaw 509; Dot Motley 506; Sammie Lyle 539.

Week high game: Norma Shaw 184; **Week high series:** Sammie Lyle 539.

HIS & HERS
12-14-92

Team	W	L
Frito-Lay	34	18
Reef Chemical	31½	20½
Toastmasters	28	24
Cogdell's Best	26	26
Nail Automation	26	26
Pro Parts	25	27
Mail Center Plus	20	32
Snyder Lanes	16½	35½

High Series: Mike Shrimplin 547; Zelma Irons 512. **High game:** Greg Hodge 197; Zelma Irons 180. **High handicap series:** Johnny Irons 605; Anita Brown 579. **High handicap game:** Johnny Irons 213; Emily Irons 206, Tena James 206, Anita Brown 206.

Converted splits: Steve Mackey 3-9-10; Bill Jackson 2-7; Tony Daves 4-10; Bonnie Hodge 5-10, 4-0, 2-7; Mike Shrimplin 3-10; Zelma Irons 2-5-7.

JACK-N-JILL
12-16-92

Team	W	L
Snyder Paint & Body	39	17
Spanish Inn	36	20
Sonic Drive-In	33	23
Payne Trucking	31	25
Granite Construction	30	26
Misfits	29	27
K&M Pumping	28	28
Great Western Club	27	29
Ezell-Key Grain	25	31
Better-N-Nuttin	23½	32½
West Texas State Bank	23	33
Red Man Pipe & Supply	22	34
The Phantoms	21½	34½
Warren Superchargers	20	36

High Series: Jimmy Fletcher 577; Jenny Rainwater 558. **High game:** Ronnie Clawson 218; Jenny Rainwater 223. **High handicap series:** Joel Loper 626; Gracee Beauchamp 626. **High handicap game:** Scott Warren 235; Kelly Bilbrey 253.

Converted splits: Joel Loper 4-6-7, 9-10, 3-10; Bill Jackson 6-7-10, 2-7, 3-10; Grace Beauchamp 5-10, 5-7; Bruce Beall 3-6-7; Roger Batchelor 4-7-10; Jeff Horton 2-7; Melba Surratt 5-6; Tim McCright 6-7; David West 3-10; Norma Seabourn 3-10.

200-500: Jimmy Fletcher 203, 577; Grace Beauchamp 202, 542; Joel Loper 211, 542; Jenny Rainwater 233, 558; David Lee 214; Roger Batchelor 539; Ronnie Clawson 218.

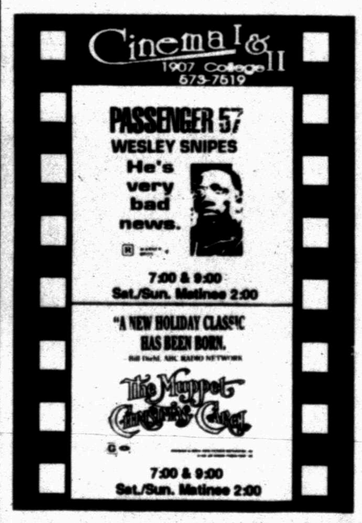
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Hermleigh native retires as SWC ref

By PHIL RIDDLE
SDN Sports Editor

Hermleigh native Bill Voss has hung up his whistle and striped shirt after a 31-year officiating career that included calling Southwest Conference football games since 1977.

Voss' last game was the Texas Tech-Houston contest at Jones Stadium in Lubbock four weeks ago when Mother Nature powdered the game with snow.

Voss tells of the worst weather in which he officiated, also a Tech-Houston matchup in Lubbock, in 1988.

"The field was completely covered with snow," the former official said in a recent interview. "You just had to guess where the line markers were. This year wasn't so bad because the snow wasn't sticking. It wasn't that cold but the wind was blowing about 35 mph."



BILL VOSS
Abilene Reporter-News Photo

Voss, who has reached the SWC mandatory retirement age of 60, began his career as a grid official in 1961.

He currently serves as Abilene Independent School District's director of transportation. He also was a football coach at Abilene's Mann Junior High School where he guided the Falcons to the 1972 city championship.

Voss is a 1950 graduate of Hermleigh High School where he played quarterback for the Cardinals, on his way to earning 11 letters in three sports.

He also played basketball and ran track while at HHS.

Following a stint in the U.S. Army, Voss returned to West Texas to play football for Hardin-Simmons University.

"The Old Man" as he was called then, played end for the Cowboys, before earning the nickname "Mr. Versatility", when he was switched to fullback and later to center under grid legend Sammy Baugh.

"Officiating's been great for me," Voss said. "It's given this ol' country boy a chance to go a lot of places I would never have had the opportunity to."

Included in Voss' highlight games are a trip to Japan to work the Houston-SMU game several seasons past and two games which decided the national collegiate championship; Brigham Young's win over Michigan in 1984 at the Holiday Bowl, and the 1988 Fiesta Bowl, where Notre Dame beat West Virginia.

All but three years of his tenure in the SWC, Voss has been the umpire, the most vulnerable position on the field for an official.

The umpire sets up directly behind the linebackers, just past the line of scrimmage.

"It's a dangerous place to work," Voss said. "At Arkansas one day, Barry Foster ran into me. His face mask hit me and broke my nose. I had my flag tied to a golf ball in my pocket. I landed on that golf ball and I had a spot on my back side that was black and blue for three weeks."

During his farewell season, Voss was given gifts by his fellow SWC officials and most of the conference coaches.

NFL roundup...

Bills, 'Skins in key road tilts

by The Associated Press

How much does the home-field advantage mean in the NFL? Both the Buffalo Bills and Washington Redskins will find out on Sunday when they play key games on the road.

"It should be a really good matchup," coach Marv Levy said as he prepared to bring his Bills into the New Orleans Superdome on Sunday to face the Saints. "It's two good teams in a game that's important to both. It should be some great football."

The Bills feature the No. 2 offense in the NFL, while the Saints boast the No. 2 defense.

"We're calling on our 12th man," Saints linebacker Pat Swilling said. "We want our fans to make noise on every play. That can really give them some problems and give us some help."

Levy downplayed the effect of crowd noise in the game, despite the fact many players and coaches have said the Superdome is one of the worst places to play because of the noise.

"Our team has done very well against noise," Levy said. "We have a method to call plays if we can't hear. I don't expect it to be much of a factor."

Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said the Eagles and Redskins (both 9-5) are "about even."

"They've got some people hurt, and we do," he said. "They have one of the best all-around teams that we play. We hate to go up there and play. They have a fantastic defense, the quarterback drives us nuts, they play good special teams. Both of us have the same record."

The NFL started the weekend with two Saturday games, Kansas City at the New York Giants and Tampa Bay at San Francisco.

In Sunday games, it's Houston at Cleveland, the Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay, Minnesota at Pittsburgh, New England at Cincinnati, Phoenix at Indianapolis, Chicago at Detroit, San Diego at the Los Angeles Raiders, Seattle at Denver and the New York Jets at Miami.

Dallas plays at Atlanta in the Monday night game.

The Bills (10-4) are fighting for the home-field advantage throughout the AFC playoffs. The Saints (11-3) are in second place behind San Francisco (12-2) in the NFC West. They have clinched a postseason berth, but need a victory Sunday to guarantee at least one home game in the playoffs.

"We've still got a chance," Saints coach Jim Mora said of possibly repeating as the division champion. "As you get towards the end, and the 49ers keep winning, it looks tougher and tougher. But it's still not over, and we'll keep battling until it is."

For New Orleans to win the division again, San Francisco would have to lose its final two games and the Saints would have to win theirs.

Washington can make the playoffs by beating the Eagles, or if Pittsburgh beats Minnesota or Green Bay loses to the Los Angeles Rams.

Philadelphia can clinch by winning. If not, the Eagles would have to beat the New York Giants on the final weekend, while Green Bay lost one of its final two games.

The Eagles are alive in the NFC East race, but to win would need two victories coupled with Dallas losses in its two remaining games.

NFL glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EST

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Buffalo	10	4	0	.714	358	240
Miami	9	5	0	.643	305	251
Indianapolis	7	7	0	.500	179	272
N.Y. Jets	4	10	0	.286	203	276
New England	2	12	0	.143	182	327
Central						
x-Pittsburgh	10	4	0	.714	273	206
Houston	8	6	0	.571	308	241
Cleveland	7	7	0	.500	245	235
Cincinnati	4	10	0	.286	237	333
West						
Kansas City	9	5	0	.643	285	227
San Diego	9	5	0	.643	268	213
Denver	7	7	0	.500	232	281
LA Raiders	6	8	0	.429	214	225
Seattle	2	12	0	.143	120	271

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
y-Dallas	11	3	0	.786	341	212
Washington	9	5	0	.643	267	217
Philadelphia	9	5	0	.643	317	222
N.Y. Giants	5	9	0	.357	261	326
Phoenix	4	10	0	.286	227	309
Central						
Minnesota	9	5	0	.643	341	239
Green Bay	8	6	0	.571	241	256
Chicago	5	9	0	.357	278	318
Tampa Bay	4	10	0	.286	246	341
Detroit	4	10	0	.286	251	305
West						
y-San Francisco	12	2	0	.857	386	216
y-New Orleans	11	3	0	.786	294	182
Atlanta	6	8	0	.429	283	335
LA Rams	5	9	0	.357	262	328

x-clinched division title
y-clinched playoff berth

Saturday's Games
Buffalo 27, Denver 17
Phoenix 19, New York Giants 0

Sunday's Games
Atlanta 35, Tampa Bay 7
Detroit 24, Cleveland 14
Indianapolis 10, New York Jets 6
Kansas City 27, New England 20
Chicago 30, Pittsburgh 6
San Francisco 20, Minnesota 17
San Diego 27, Cincinnati 10
New Orleans 37, Los Angeles Rams 14
Philadelphia 20, Seattle 17, OT
Washington 20, Dallas 17
Green Bay 16, Houston 14

Monday's Game
Miami 20, Los Angeles Raiders 7

Saturday, Dec. 19
Kansas City at New York Giants, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at San Francisco, 4 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 20
Buffalo at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Houston at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Los Angeles Rams at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New England at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 4 p.m.
San Diego at Los Angeles Raiders, 4 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 4 p.m.
New York Jets at Miami, 8 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 21
Dallas at Atlanta, 9 p.m.

Bowling Green nudges Nevada in Vegas Bowl

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Erik White hit Dave Hankins on fourth down with a 2-yard touchdown pass with 22 seconds left Friday night as Bowling Green spoiled a huge Nevada comeback to beat the Wolf Pack 35-34 in the inaugural Las Vegas Bowl.

Bowling Green, which led 28-3 at halftime, fell behind 34-28 in the fourth period. But with 1:48 left, Nevada punter Steve Lester bobbled the snap and Bowling Green recovered on the Wolf Pack 15.

After Mark Szlachcic caught a pass to put the ball on the 3, the Falcons stalled on three plays before White found Hankins alone in the end zone.

The win was the ninth straight for Mid-American Conference champion Bowling Green, which finished the season 10-2. Nevada, which won the Big West in its first year of Division I play, finished 7-5.

A series of three horrendous Bowling Green punts helped Nevada back into the game in the third quarter, when backup quarterback Chris Vargas threw for two scores and the Wolf Pack scored three touchdowns with a 4:27 period.

Vargas, taking over from starter Fred Gatlin, led the Wolf Pack to four straight second-half touchdowns.

The comeback was sparked by two successive Bowling Green punts that totaled 13 yards and a third botched punt attempt in which backup punter Rob Donahue scrambled for only five yards. Nevada scored touchdowns after all three punt attempts.

Donahue had come into the game in the second half as a replacement for starting punter Andy Tracy, who sustained a concussion.

Bowling Green dominated the first half and appeared to have the game in hand after stopping a Nevada drive on the goal line with four seconds remaining in the first half.

But Vargas, who led Nevada to two remarkable second half comebacks in the last two years, came out throwing in the second half, completing 12 of 21 third-quarter passes to put the Wolf Pack back in the game.

Following a 5-yard punt by Donahue into the wind with 10:14 left in the third quarter, Vargas took Nevada 55 yards, capping the drive with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Mike Senior.

Faldo blows into top spot

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — Nick Faldo worked his way to the top of the leaderboard Friday as extremely difficult conditions continued to frustrate and infuriate the select field in golf's World Championship.

That leaderboard surrendered the last trace of red to the strong winds, hard fairways and deep rough of the windswept, 6,920-yard Tryall Golf Club.

Faldo, ranked the top player in the game, matched par 70 and reached the halfway point of the season-ending, $2.7 million tournament at 141, one over par. The tournament, which pays the winner $550,000, is the game's most lucrative.

"I don't know that we've had one as tough as this for a while," the British Open title-holder said.

"It's tough, just hard work," he said.

Faldo, the winner of five European titles this year, has a reputation as one of golf's best wind players.

And it seemed appropriate that the two men immediately behind him after 36 holes — Tom Kite and Greg Norman — also play the wind extremely well.

Norman, the Australian who snapped the longest non-winning string of his career with a victory in Canada last fall, shot another 71.

Kite, who won the U.S. Open under similarly extreme conditions at Pebble Beach, Calif., had a 69 and a tie with Norman at 142.

In spite of injuries...

Oilers wary of Browns secondary

CLEVELAND (AP) — So the Cleveland Browns claim they barely have enough defensive backs to field a team Sunday, eh? Houston coach Jack Pardee isn't buying it.

"I don't know what their true situation is there," Pardee said. "They have a talented secondary. They've professed a lot of injuries in the past, and we keep seeing the same guys on the field. We don't take much stock in that."

If it's merely a ploy designed to lull the Oilers (8-6) into a false sense of security, the Browns (7-7) have gone to great lengths to pull it off.

They placed defensive backs Stevon Moore and Alan Haller on injured reserve early in the week. They added two cornerbacks to the regular roster, signed two other defensive backs to the practice squad and listed three starters in the secondary as questionable on their midweek injury report.

The injuries left coach Bill Belichick wondering how he would go about covering the four wide receivers in Houston's run-and-shoot offense.

"Obviously the big concern is the health of our defensive backs, being able to get them out there in the game and also being able to practice them enough so that they're able to execute well on Sunday," Belichick said.

Even if starting cornerbacks Frank Minnifield (pulled groin) and Terry Taylor (sore ankle), and safety Eric Turner (sprained ankle) are able to play, Belichick said he may have to devise a defensive scheme quite different from the one the Browns used to beat the Oilers 24-14 last month in Houston.

"We could blitz more, or we could use more linebackers instead of defensive backs and play more zone," he said. "Those are the options we've got to work around.

"It's either that, or else take a real inexperienced player and ask him to do the same things that you've asked a more experienced player to do. We're going to have to have a couple plans available, because we could be in trouble in a hurry."

Oilers quarterback Cody Carlson, making his fifth start since Warren Moon broke his arm, was as skeptical as Pardee about the seriousness of the injuries in the Cleveland secondary.

"It could go one of two ways," Carlson said. "The guys could be all right and could be able to play through whatever injuries they have.

"I don't know if schematically they will change a whole lot. It might mean they'll use one less DB and one more linebacker, or try to stay with the same plan they had the first time against us. We have to practice against both of them. It's hard to call."

The game is critical to both teams' playoff hopes. The situation is murkiest for the Browns, who must win both remaining games and hope for at least one loss each by Denver and Indianapolis.

The Oilers are still in control of their own fate. If they beat the Browns this week and Buffalo (in Houston) next Sunday, they're in. They also can clinch a berth this week with a victory over Cleveland if Denver loses to Seattle.

Belichick, who prefers taking the narrowest view possible, couldn't help confronting the bigger picture this week.

"There's no question about it, if we lose, we're out of the playoff picture," he said. "It's cut and dried. Obviously, it's a must game. But we try to win every week. We try to pull out all stops to win."

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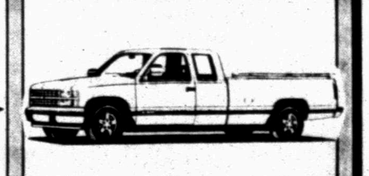
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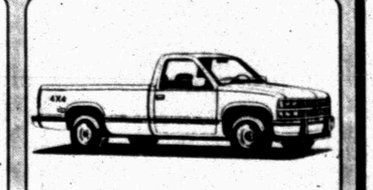
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RETHA LINDSEY

Lindsey gets top KSC post

Retha Lindsey, an account superviser at the E. Bruce Harrison Co. national public relations firm in Dallas, is the new director of the Keene State College Relations office.

A U-Texas graduate, she was news information director at Odessa College from 1982-1990 and holds 15 marketing and publication awards from the national Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Lindsey is the daughter of Joe and Muriel Vincent of Snyder and the granddaughter of Connie Vincent, also of Snyder.

She attended school in Snyder, graduating in 1967.

Employees may get pink slips for holiday

NEW YORK (AP) — Merry Christmas, you're fired!

Instead of a bonus or turkey, many workers have been getting layoff notices for Christmas. Despite signs of an improving economy, companies are pressing ahead into the New Year with staff cutbacks to try to solve their problems.

This week, IBM said it would eliminate 25,000 jobs next year, and indicated some of the reductions might be made through the company's first-ever layoffs.

Ford Motor Co. said it would slash 10,000 jobs in its British operations by April 15. And Steelcase Inc., an office furniture maker, notified 1,000 workers they might be dismissed in February.

Poor corporate performance and the weak economy are usually blamed for layoffs, but American Management Association researcher Eric Greenburg said "downsizing in large companies is not a child of recession."

"It preceded the recession, it expanded during the recession, and it will continue after the recession," he said.

To many workers, the Christmas season is just about the worst time to find out they might lose their jobs. And over the last few years, thousands have gotten the bad news during the holidays.

A year ago, General Motors Corp. said it would eliminate 74,000 jobs over four years, and early this month, GM identified the last of seven plants it would shut down.

In 1986, one week before Christmas, AT&T announced more than 27,000 job cuts. Before that, in December 1982, Bethlehem Steel Corp. cut 10,000 jobs.

It's not that companies are trying to ruin the holidays. Accountants say some corporations make their announcements in December because they want to deduct severance costs from current-year earnings and not carry them over into the next year.

FCC fines company for 'indecent' show

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Federal Communications Commission announced a record $600,000 fine Friday against the company that employs radio "shock jock" Howard Stern, but decided not to block the corporation's purchase of three more radio stations.

The decision capped weeks of wavering over how to punish Infinity Broadcasting Corp. of New York for Stern's on-air behavior, which the FCC has deemed legally indecent.

The commission voted 5-0 to fine Infinity rather than subject the company to a hearing on whether it should lose its license, according to Maureen Peratino, an FCC spokeswoman.

Commissioner James H. Quello said in a statement that he found the size of the fine was "amply warranted in view of an apparent pattern of indecent broadcasts on this show which Infinity produces."

Stern asks celebrity guests about their sex lives, talks about his own sex fantasies and sometimes invites women to come to his studio and disrobe, then describes it over the air.

The FCC issued a warning to Stern in 1987 to avoid certain sexual innuendos and double entendres.

The FCC defines indecent material as "language that describes in terms patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards ... sexual or excretory activities or organs."

The commission voted 4-1 to allow Infinity to purchase three radio stations for $100 million from Cook Inlet Radio Partners, Peratino said. The Cook Inlet stations are in Boston, Chicago and Atlanta.

FCC Chairman Alfred Sikes said he voted against allowing sale of the Cook Inlet stations because he was not convinced that the license transfers would serve the public interest.

"Although I have not reached a decision on whether Infinity has the requisite character to hold commission licenses, there are simply too many outstanding questions on this core issue for me to approve the assignment applications without conditions," Sikes wrote.

He and several of the other commissioners wrote that they did not wish to injure Cook Inlet, a minority-owned company based in Alaska.

"Cook Inlet had nothing to do with today's enforcement action against Infinity," wrote Commissioner Ervin S. Duggan. "To the contrary, Cook Inlet is one of the positive stories in radio — a minority-controlled company that has built a successful group of stations across the country."

In an interview, Quello said Infinity had written the FCC saying that Stern's program would not be broadcast on the three Cook Inlet stations if the sale were allowed.

Infinity President Mel Karmazin did not return several phone calls for comment Friday. Infinity is expected to appeal the fine in court.

WALL OF FAME — Jay Nettles has been inducted into Ira High School's Mathematics Wall of Fame for the second time this semester. According to math instructor David Brown, Nettles discovered an original method to find the value of "i" to the nth power. (SDN Staff Photo)

Rod Waller recognized

Rod Waller of Snyder, chair of the West Central Texas Private Industry Council, was recognized by the Texas Association of Private Industry Councils Board of Directors for his "outstanding contribution" of service as board secretary.

Waller has been the PIC chair of the West Central Texas PIC for the last three years. He has been on the PIC since 1987. He has served on the TAPIC Board of Directors for three years.

From 1982-1987, Waller was the mayor of Snyder. He has served on the Board of the West Central Texas Council of Governments since 1981, and was elected president of the board of directors from 1985-87. Active in the Texas Municipal League, Waller also participates in the Lions Club, the chamber of commerce and numerous civic organizations.

Waller is the owner of Crown Industrial Coatings in Abilene.

The Texas Association of Private Industry Councils (TAPIC) is composed of 34 PIC boards which provide needed public intervention through a highly developed network of public/private partnerships. The PICS are responsible for the administration of public resources of over $200 million targeted at retraining and re-employing the state's workforce which covers every labor market in the state.

Activities listed at Senior Center

Senior citizens will be treated to two special musical programs in the Senior Center this week before the center closes Dec. 24-25 for Christmas.

Cindy Nix and Donna Fowler will be singing Monday in a program starting at 11:15 a.m. in the dining room. Frances Featherston and Barbara Tune will be onstage at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday is also game day in the center and Skip-Bo will be the featured game starting at 9:30 a.m. A 9-ball pool tourney is also scheduled Monday.

The 11 o'clock exercise class will meet Monday through Wednesday and the women's aerobics class will meet at 2 p.m. Monday. The clogging class on Wednesday has been cancelled. Golf instruction is scheduled from 10-11 a.m. on Monday and Wednesday in the gym adjacent to the center. The swimnastics class at Western Texas College will not meet until the college starts spring semester classes in January.

The center plans a New Year's Eve party on Dec. 31 starting at 10:30 a.m. and all senior citizens are invited to attend. The center will be closed on Jan. 1. An open house is planned from 5-8 p.m. on Jan. 4 to acquaint the community with the center and local residents who are approaching senior citizen age (60) are especially invited to attend and enjoy music entertainment while they get a preview of the activities offered in the center.

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Man indicted by grand jury

DALLAS (AP) — A Dallas man has been indicted on charges he helped harbor and conceal a woman wanted in the attempted murder of her husband and the killing-for-hire of his mistress.

A federal grand jury returned the indictment Thursday against Jodie Timothy Packer.

U.S. Attorney Marvin Collins said Packer also was indicted on two counts of structuring financial transactions to avoid the filing of currency transaction reports with the Internal Revenue Service.

Joy Davis Aylor, 43, fled to France with the aid of false passport papers in 1990 and was arrested in Nice, France, later the same year.

Packer helped Ms. Aylor raise the money she needed to hurriedly flee, assisted Ms. Aylor obtain fake passports and was with her in France, assistant U.S. Attorney Candina Heath said Friday.

The Dallas County district attorney's office has requested that she be extradited.

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U.S. operation said disrupting aid supply lines

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — So far, U.S. efforts to rescue starving Somalis amount to something of a setback because the Marines have disrupted crucial supply lines without replacing them, aid officials said.

"We can't get to people we used to, and they are dying," said James Fennell of CARE. He praised Operation Restore Hope for securing ports — but said excess military caution is costing lives.

During the months that relief workers waited for United Nations protection, they built a fragile spider web of delivery routes into the bush to bring food, primary medical care and seeds to desperate families.

They hired guards to ride shotgun on trucks and jeeps, losing some supplies to looters — but also reaching many thousands of people who were too weak to seek help in feeding centers.

The Marines' first move in famine-stricken Baidoa was to disarm the airport security force, tough ex-soldiers CARE had hired as escorts. Other free-lance guards hid their weapons and temporarily retired.

Tibebu Haile Selassie, deputy director of UNICEF in Mogadishu, predicted improvement once the military is in place. But for now, he said, "the situation is worse than it was before."

Although continued stocks are needed in Baidoa, relief workers say, their urgent priority is to reach more of these isolated pockets where whole villages hang by a thread.

But many of these deliveries have stopped, not only because no armed escorts are available but also because the Marines have driven bandit gangs out of Baidoa into the most vulnerable hinterlands.

"The military thinks convoys because it looks and sounds very good," said Ian MacLeod, U.N. spokesman in Somalia. "But there are also mobile medical teams, and others, who have to move quickly."

Along with food, he said, children need vaccination against measles and treatment for acute diarrhea, both deadly diseases in Africa. Also, water engineers, sanitation experts and evaluators make quick forays into the bush.

San Antonio residents hope to work for former mayor

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Resumes already have begun pouring into Henry Cisneros' offices from Democrats eager for a post with the Department of Housing and Urban Development or elsewhere in the Clinton White House.

While San Antonians are certain to be among the team Cisneros takes with him to Washington, D.C., the newly nominated HUD secretary will have a pool of top national talent from which to choose.

"He's looking for the best and the brightest across this country," said Cisneros' brother-in-law, City Councilman Roger Perez.

It's still unclear who will be tapped locally for key HUD posts, although veteran City Councilman Frank Wing appears a certain pick and Shirl Thomas, assistant to the mayor, a likely bet.

For now, Cisneros appears caught up in the immediate issues of easing out of private life and stepping into the public realm.

Among Cisneros' first orders of business was to convene a "mini hit squad" Friday to aid him in relinquishing his private commitments and step into his public sector role, according to one source.

A group of 12 to 15 community leaders met with Cisneros during the noon hour Friday to consider a range of issues, ranging from who will field the immediate flood of congratulatory phone calls and media requests for interviews to how the transition will be organized.

For Results Use Snyder Daily News Classified Ads 573-5486

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren

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Basic Care for Pets Must Include Attention and Love

DEAR ABBY: I hope you will print my letter on behalf of all pets who are emotionally neglected by their owners.

Our new next-door neighbor has a young dog who is all but totally ignored. I cannot complain to the Humane Society because the dog does have shelter, and I hear his owner come out twice a day just long enough to throw some food into the dog's dish.

I am not the confrontational type, especially when many people would consider this problem "none of your business." However, I did confront her about the dog's constant whining, which actually kept me awake at night. (The dog has now accepted his fate, and only whines occasionally when he is expecting his dinner.)

Why do people buy companion animals when they end up ignoring them? Please help to educate people by reprinting the poem "A Dog's Prayer." I have checked everywhere for a copy of the poem without luck, but I know it appeared in your column some time ago. It is "narrated" by a dog who asks only for basic care — but basic care that includes at least a little attention every day. I am sure I'm not the only person who is so saddened by this common situation.

That poem can evoke emotion from the most hard-hearted person and might just help a few neglected dogs find a happier life.

AN ANIMAL LOVER

DEAR ANIMAL LOVER: People usually ignore their pets out of ignorance about what the animal really needs. (Food, water and shelter are not enough.)

Do contact your local SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals). Someone will be sent to the animal owner's home to educate the family on the needs of the animal and teach them a little about training the dog. The society will do a follow-up visit and, in some cases, if they believe the animal is still being mistreated, will refer the case to the district attorney.

And now, as you requested, here is "A Dog's Prayer":

A DOG'S PRAYER
by Beth Norman Harris

Treat me kindly, my beloved master, for no heart in all the world is more grateful for kindness than the loving heart of me.

Do not break my spirit with a stick, for though I should lick your hand between the blows, your patience and understanding will more quickly teach me the things you would have me do.

Speak to me often, for your voice is the world's sweetest music, as you must know by the fierce wagging of my tail when your footstep falls upon my waiting ear.

When it is cold and wet, please take me inside, for I am now a domesticated animal, no longer used to bitter elements. And I ask no greater glory than the privilege of sitting at your feet beside the hearth. Though had you no home, I would rather follow you through ice and snow than rest upon the softest pillow in the warmest home in all the land, for you are my god and I am your devoted worshiper.

Keep my pan filled with fresh water, for although I should not reproach you were it dry, I cannot tell you when I suffer thirst. Feed me clean food, that I may stay well, to romp and play and do your bidding, to walk by your side, and stand ready, willing and able to protect you with my life should your life be in danger.

And, beloved master, should the great Master see fit to deprive me of my health or sight, do not turn me away from you. Rather hold me gently in your arms as skilled hands grant me the merciful boon of eternal rest — and I will leave you knowing with the last breath I drew, my fate was ever safest in your hands.

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To order a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054. (Postage is included.)

DEAR READERS: I recently asked my readers to send me postcards telling me where they were when they heard the news that President Kennedy had been shot. The response was overwhelming! I received an estimated 300,000 responses — mostly letters saying, "A postcard can't possibly contain all I have to say."

I heard from Thailand, Korea, Libya, Ireland, Guam, Japan, Mexico, Switzerland, Germany, Great Britain, Brazil, India, the Philippines, Canada, Hawaii, South Africa, and some places I had difficulty finding on the map. There were so many poignant recollections. For example:

DEAR ABBY: We were living in Karlsruhe, Germany, when JFK was assassinated. My husband was a career Army man. The news came over Armed Forces Radio at 7:30 p.m. We turned on the TV and watched it in German.

The next day I walked to the grocery store, and on the way I passed our Army chapel. There was a large picture of President Kennedy on the church bulletin board — draped in black — and the entire lawn surrounding it was covered with floral arrangements, all from German families. I met many Germans on the street who stopped me to express their sorrow with tears in their eyes. I shall never forget it.

M.E. GRAY, EL PASO, TEXAS

... I was in the third grade with other 8- and 9-year-olds waiting for the 3 p.m. bell to ring so we could go home for the weekend. Suddenly, over the public address system we heard Walter Cronkite say, "I regret to tell you that President Kennedy died this afternoon at 1:05 p.m."

I had planned to go home with a classmate for a sleepover, but we were both so heartsick we decided it would be better if we both went to our own homes.

TAMMY IN DULUTH

... My wife and I and our two teen-aged sons were in Izmir, Turkey. I was co-director of the Turkish Air Force Academy, where 16 American men and women taught English to Turkish pilots and air controllers. When the awful news came, our Turkish friends offered condolences with tears in their eyes.

ELDON SHUPE, MELBOURNE, FLA.

... I was "on the air" doing music and news at a major Annapolis radio station when the sports director came into the control room, laid down a piece of paper without uttering a word, and left. A few minutes later I looked at it. It read, "FLASH! PRESIDENT KENNEDY SHOT!" I slapped on a tape and recorded the rest of the day's broadcast. I spent much of the time weeping in the men's room.

BILL TURKINGTON, NORTHRIDGE, CALIF.

... I was in Hollywood filming a sequence from "Robin and the 7 Hoods" with Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr. when our producer, Howard Koch, got a telephone call from his wife who gave the terrible news about President Kennedy. We broke early and, on the way home, I heard bells tolling from Loyola High School.

JOE JACKSON, LOS ANGELES

... We were in Dallas watching the parade. We witnessed the whole nightmare! Later, can you imagine the shock to discover our faces in December's Colliers Magazine!

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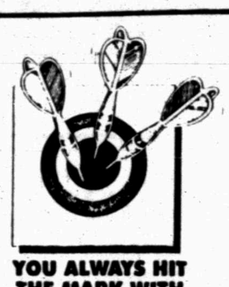
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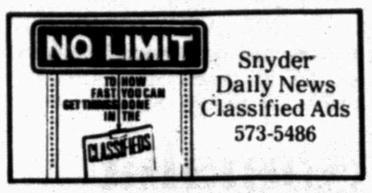
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Census Bureau says...

Nearly 5 million new immigrants in 1985-90

WASHINGTON (AP) — An influx of nearly 5 million immigrants between 1985 and 1990 brought the number of foreign-born people living in the United States to nearly 20 million, the Census Bureau said Friday.

The bureau report said 7.9 percent of the American population is now foreign-born, up from 6.2 percent in 1980 and 4.7 percent in 1970. There are heavy concentrations in California, home to almost one-third of all those born outside the country, and New York.

The foreign-born population of 19.8 million rose sharply from 14 million in 1980 and 9.6 million in 1970, according to the bureau figures.

Susan J. Lapham, who prepared the report, said the percentage of foreign-born residents was still well below the 13.5 percent of 1910, when the population was much smaller. But she said that "from every indication we've had," the number of immigrants in the population will continue to grow.

She said the data did not reveal how many of the new immigrants, or foreign-born residents, were in the country illegally.

A major immigration law enacted in 1986 has allowed 3 million aliens illegally in this country at that time to acquire legal status here, mostly residency as a first step toward citizenship.

Lapham said there had been no studies yet to determine whether the 1986 law had affected Census Bureau tabulations of aliens in the country. "But intuitively, if more people are legal it makes sense there would be more people who would be apt to respond" to bureau surveys.

"All this confirms that immigration is skyrocketing out of control," said Ira Mehlman of the Federation of American Immigration Reform, which lobbies for tighter restrictions on immigration. He predicted that the numbers of new aliens "is going to be substantially higher" during the next five years as foreign nationals already in the country help their extended families back home gain entry.

Mexico remained well ahead as the most common country of origin for foreign borns, representing 21.7 percent of the total and doubling in numbers from 2.2 million in 1980 to 4.3 million in 1990.

Otherwise, many of the newest Americans were from Asia and Latin America, with the Philippines, South Korea, Vietnam, China and El Salvador rising in the ranks.

Following Mexico in the top 10 countries of origin were the Philippines at 4.6 percent; Canada, 3.8 percent; Cuba, 3.7 percent; Germany, 3.6 percent; Britain, 3.2 percent; Italy, 2.9 percent; Korea, 2.9 percent; Vietnam, 2.7 percent and China, 2.7 percent.

The bureau said nearly 60 percent of foreign-born residents were not U.S. citizens. The percentages of non-citizens were generally low for European countries — 28.1 percent for Germany and 24.2 percent for Italy — and high for Latin American countries — 84.6 percent for El Salvador, 84.9 percent for Nicaragua and 83.1 percent for Guatemala.

The number of foreign-born residents nearly doubled in California in the past decade, to 6.5 million or 21.7 percent of the state's population. Other states with large foreign-born populations were New York with 2.8 million or 15.9 percent, Florida with 1.7 million or 12.9 percent and Texas with 1.5 million or 9 percent.

New York City had the biggest foreign-born population, at 2 million, although Los Angeles had a larger percentage, with 1.3 million, or 38.4 percent of its population.

Nevertheless, Los Angeles ranked only 17th among cities in terms of percent of foreign born. Tops was Hialeah City, Fla., with 70.4 percent of its 188,000 people, followed by Miami at 59.7 percent; Huntington Park, Calif., at 59.7 percent; Union City, N.J., at 55.1 percent, and Monterey Park, Calif., at 51.8 percent.

Wyoming had the smallest number of foreign-born people, at 7,647, followed by South Dakota at 7,731 and North Dakota at 9,388. In terms of percentage, Mississippi was the lowest with 0.8 percent of the state's population, followed by Kentucky and West Virginia at 0.9 percent.

Births

Brandon Robbins announces the birth of his sister, Meagen Rene, born at 6:50 a.m. on Dec. 5 at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds and 13 ounces. Parents are Brad and Stacey Robbins of Hermleigh.

Grandparents are Bill and Darlene Robbins of Snyder and Bill and Linda Owens of Midland. Great-grandparents are Buck and Louise Woolever of Snyder, Faye Robbins of Hermleigh, Evelyn Wallace and Virgie Owens of Midland. Great-great-grandmother is Gertie Wilson of Snyder.

Darren and Kris Fletcher of Fort Worth announce the birth of their daughter, Kelsi Nicole. She was born at 12:46 a.m. on Dec. 11 at Fort Worth's Harris Methodist Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Phillip and Judy Calvert of Bedford and paternal grandparents are Nancy and Weldon Fletcher of Snyder.

Migrant Christmas party held

Christmas spirit was everywhere as younger and older migrant students and their parents gathered together to share experiences and friendship. In an effort to introduce school as a positive and supportive community entity, Snyder ISD has not only endeavored to recruit migrant children into the education program, but continues to maintain an open and on-going communication with their parents.

The migrant families met for the second in a series of parent meetings at Central Elementary on Dec. 15. Mrs. Yolanda (Jolly) Rosas, SISD migrant recruiter, and Mrs. Lois Boles, SISD director of state/federal funded programs, hosted the event.

The program focused on "The Migrant Experience" and "Accomplishments of Outstanding Migrant Students of Texas." Mrs. Rosas shared with the group about children possessing potential which can be nurtured and developed through education.

During a drawing for door prizes, a Christmas basket of fruit went to the Ornelas family and the Christmas turkey was given to the Macias family. Refreshments of Christmas cookies, pound cake, nuts, candies and Christmas punch were served to those in attendance.

They included: Raul, Maria and Aracely Macias; Abel, Zenaida, Modesto and Moises Estrada; Cinnia Torres, Estela De Paz, Marilu Rodriguez, Melinda Martinez, Juanita Cortillon, Atenogenes and Teresa Olvera; Agustin, Alejandra, Fernando, Francisco, Agustin, William and Maria Ornelas.

Mrs. Rosas recently attended the Texas Annual Migrant Education Conference in Corpus Christi. She was recognized for reaching a migrant recruitment enrollment percentage which was over and above the expected state quota, which endorses Mrs. Rosas as a member of the 1991 All State Team of ID and Recruitment.

The next parent meeting in the spring will feature Mary Jo Beard from the Region XIV Educational Service Center Division of Special Projects.

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BOARD MEMBERS HONORED — A reception honoring outgoing chamber board members was held following last weeks board meeting. Presented with plaques were, left to right, Larry Schwarz, Paula Gilbert, Terry Bowden and Jerry Baird. Not present was Susan Neves. (SDN Staff Photo)

De Klerk dismisses 6 generals

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk Saturday dismissed six generals as part of a crackdown on the military and admitted some units were involved in illegal meddling in politics.

De Klerk said some military operatives were still involved in unspecified illegal activities and the government was taking urgent steps to halt their operations.

Government opponents have long claimed the military acts as a "third force" to destabilize opposition groups and foment violence in black townships that has claimed thousands of lives in recent years.

De Klerk, who had repeatedly denied allegations of military misconduct, gave no details on why the officers were being removed.

The admission of illegal activity is likely to damage de Klerk's already weakened government as it negotiates with the African National Congress on ending white minority rule.

De Klerk told reporters that two generals and four brigadier generals were being forced to retire along with 10 other members of the defense forces. He said another seven defense force members were placed on compulsory leave.

Independent counsel appointed to probe Clinton passport search

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, concluding there was "some evidence of criminal intent" in a campaign-season search of Bill Clinton's passport files, has secretly triggered an independent investigation into the case, government sources said Friday.

The probe by Joseph E. diGenova, a former U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia, will seek to determine whether White House officials prompted the search of Clinton's State Department files and later sought to cover up their actions, said officials who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

DiGenova was named Monday by a special three-judge panel after Attorney General William Barr requested that an independent counsel be appointed, the officials said.

The appointment was triggered, said one source, by an administration conclusion that there was "some evidence of criminal intent" in the case.

The source stressed that the appointment of a special prosecutor did not necessarily mean there was criminal wrongdoing.

"If there is a question of whether something is inadvertent or intentional then you have to investigate," the source said.

DiGenova's appointment came just one day before the law authorizing independent counsels expired. Its existence became public Friday when The New York Times, The Washington Post and the Los Angeles Times reported the move.

On Friday, CBS, The New York Times and the Post asked the judicial panel that named diGenova to reveal certain documents: Barr's application for an independent counsel, the court order appointing diGenova and any separate report filed by Barr concerning the appointment.

"In the past, in highly publicized independent counsel cases, the materials requested have been routinely disclosed," the motion said, citing the cases of the appointment of investigators of the Iran-Contra affair, then-White House aide Lyn Nofziger and then-White House counsel Edwin Meese.

One official familiar with diGenova's investigation said it will seek to determine whether senior White House aides instigated or encouraged the passport file search and whether they lied when they denied doing so to State Department investigators.

It also will look into whether administration officials illegally disseminated information from Clinton's files, the official said.

Police note two arrests

Snyder police investigated burglary, theft and criminal mischief complaints Friday and Saturday and made two unrelated arrests.

Police arrested a 22-year-old man at 1:45 a.m. Saturday in the 1000 block of Avenue R for driving while intoxicated and criminal mischief. A 33-year-old man was also arrested at the scene for public intoxication.

At 2:28 a.m., police were called to the 1000 block of 28th Street where a woman complained that her vehicle had been broken into. Among the items taken were a cane and a knife. A report for burglary of a vehicle has been filed.

Ricky Elam contacted police at 8:49 p.m. Friday in reference to someone stealing some Christmas lights. A report for Class B theft was filed.

At 2:56 p.m. Friday, Sherry Spells notified police of a possible attempted break-in at 216 34th St. A report for Class B criminal mischief was filed.

Tina Tidwell contacted police at 9:40 a.m. Friday in reference to someone damaging her 1984 Mercury. A report for Class B criminal mischief has been filed.

Police also worked a multiple-vehicle accident Friday at 12:59 p.m. in the 3400 block of College Avenue. Involved were a 1991 Chevolet pickup driven by Ray Conner of 4106 Jacksboro; a 1992 Big Tex flatbed trailer owned by LTV Energy Production of Box 977, which was towed by the pickup; a 1981 Pontiac driven by Danny Armstrong of Rt. 1 Big Spring; and a 1979 Honda driven by Tiffany Greene of 2900 35th St.

Firemen kept busy Friday

Snyder firefighters were kept busy Friday afternoon with five grass fires in a three-hour span.

Firemen were dispatched to a grass fire one mile south of the city on Highway 208 at 2:37 p.m.

At 2:38 p.m., trucks were sent one mile east on Highway 180 where some cotton and grass was on fire in a ditch.

At 3:55 p.m., firemen were sent 13 miles south of Snyder to a grass fire on property owned by Bill Jackson. Firemen were assisted by a county maintainer from Precinct 3.

At 4:10 p.m., trucks were sent six miles south on Highway 208 to a small grass fire.

And at 4:35 p.m., firemen were sent to an alley at 4512 Houston Avenue on property owned by Jan Lanier to extinguish a grass fire ignited by fireworks.

Firemen were also dispatched to the report of a fire in the Alamo Heights area at 5:40 p.m. They were called back when it was determined that the fire was in a trash barrel.

For Bentsen's seat...

Attorney general: 'Draft Ann' movement brewing in Texas

AUSTIN (AP) — A move is brewing among Democratic Party leaders to draft Gov. Ann Richards for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Lloyd Bentsen, Attorney General Dan Morales said Friday.

"I know that the governor doesn't want to do it ... but we simply cannot afford to lose that Senate seat," said Morales, a Democrat. "I think her party and I think her state need her."

The Democratic governor said this week that she doesn't want to name herself to replace Bentsen. Also a Democrat, he has been tapped by President-elect Clinton to be Treasury secretary.

The person appointed by Richards will serve until someone is chosen in a special election to complete Bentsen's term, which runs through 1994. The election is likely to be in May.

Morales said he's talked with "dozens" of party leaders, including elected officials and State Democratic Executive Committee members, about the prospect of a "Draft Ann" movement, but he declined to name them.

State Democratic Executive Director Ed Martin said, "Most of us support Ann Richards whatever Ann Richards wants to do ... I think that Ann Richards will make up her own mind. I don't think that any draft movements are going to pressure her."

"She hasn't ruled anything out completely, but she has consistently stated that (appointing herself) would not be her preferred route to take," said Chuck McDonald, a spokesman for Richards.

Morales said there's been talk of a public relations campaign and a petition drive to draft Richards. He said he thinks it would be difficult to persuade her to take the post, but that the effort is important.

"There is no more popular elected official in the state than Ann Richards," he said.

Richards has said she hopes to name Bentsen's replacement next week, and that she wants it to be someone who will run in the special election.

Somalia

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capital announced his and his rival's militias would start leaving Mogadishu Saturday for camps outside the city. A U.N. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said most of their forces already had left town.

In Mogadishu Saturday, Paul Mitchell, spokesman for the World Food Program, said the U.S.-led coalition would escort a 20-truck convoy carrying 330 tons of wheat to Baidoa on Sunday.

The troops will keep an eye on aid workers as they distribute the food to 20 communities in and around Baidoa.

It would be the first food convoy from Mogadishu since Baidoa was secured by Marines and French Foreign Legionnaires Wednesday.

Mitchell said the convoy was taking enough to feed 750,000 people for one day, or 100,000 for one week.

There are an estimated 350,000 needy people in Baidoa and surrounding villages.

Though their initial thrust into Somalia met no resistance, Marines were braced for a fight as they prepared to go beyond Baidoa and Mogadishu to such cities as Kismayu, where aid workers say looting and violence is unchecked.

"We fully expect there are some people out there in the countryside who will fire at coalition forces ... brigands who will be more difficult to deal with," Gen. Joseph P. Hoar, the chief of the U.S. Central Command, told reporters in Mogadishu Friday.

He said he was concerned about the safety of his force in achieving all of its remaining objectives. "Kismayu, among others, represents a significant challenge," he said.

Taiwan picks first popular legislature

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Taiwan Saturday held its first-ever elections for an entirely new legislature. The ruling Nationalists retained control, but opposition candidates made major gains.

The Nationalists won 96 seats in the 161-seat Legislative Yuan, and the leading opposition group, the Democratic Progressive Party, won 50 seats. Independents and candidates of minor parties won the remaining 15 seats, election officials said.

The opposition gains were a setback for the Nationalists and may force the ruling party to change its ways, said Jaw Shao-kan, an independent who recieved the most votes, 235,000.

"The (Nationalists) don't listen to people's voices," said Jaw. "This may force them to compromise."

Obituaries

Willie J. Peavy

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Services are pending at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home for Willie Jones Peavy, 85, of Snyder who died Friday at 2:20 p.m. at Cogdell Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Peavy, born on Jan. 21, 1907, has lived in Snyder for the past nine years, moving from Waxahachie.

Survivors include two sons, Ernest Peavy of Snyder and Floyd Peavy of Rochester, N.Y.; a half-brother, Robert Smith of Snyder; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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State schools funds frozen following several deaths

AUSTIN (AP) — Federal Medicaid funding has been frozen for two state mental retardation institutions because residents died after receiving substandard care, according to a published report.

Medicaid inspectors say the Fort Worth State School has until Jan. 6 to correct problems that led to a 25-year-old man's death or face losing about $10 million a year in federal funding, the Austin American-Statesman, reported Friday.

On Thursday, Medicaid inspectors lifted a 9-day hold on federal funds for the Denton State School, where a 28-year-old man died Dec. 1 after sustaining a head injury, the American-Statesman said.

Both of the deaths are under investigation by the new Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, which on Sept. 1 assumed responsibility for investigating abuse and neglect of residents in Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation institutions.

Paul Brynie, 25, died Dec. 9 at the Fort Worth State School after he gasped and stopped breathing, the newspaper said.

Documents show three workers, who had been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, violated the institution's emergency medical policy by not attempting CPR upon finding Brynie in distress, the newspaper said.

According to a Texas Department of Health memo, the workers "admitted that they waited by the client's side, taking no further action. The nurse arrived 5 to 7 minutes later from another area of the campus. The nurse unsuccessfully attempted CPR when she arrived," the American-Statesman said.

The Texas Health Department inspects mental retardation institutions on behalf of the federal Medicaid program.

Sheila Allee, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, said the Fort Worth institution is retraining all dorm workers "on how to handle life-threatening emergencies."

In addition, it will reinstate unannounced CPR drills, which "they hadn't been doing for a while," she said, and resuscitation masks will be placed in accessible locations, the newspaper reported.

At Denton State School, Gerard Sean Clements, 28, died Dec. 1 after a worker tried to lift him from a bathtub and could not support him, the newspaper said.

The worker said she acted alone because of chronic understaffing even though a physician's order required that two people lift the man at bathtime, the newspaper reported.

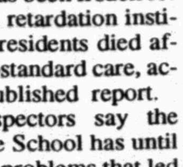
The worker told Medicaid inspectors she tried to bathe him without assistance "because there was never anyone there to help her," the newspaper reported.

More than 500 people died when Hurricane Audrey slammed through coastal Louisiana and Texas in 1957.

THE WORLD ALMANAC DATE BOOK

Dec. 18, 1992

Today is the 353rd day of 1992 and the 88th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1865, the 13th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting slavery, was ratified.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Ty Cobb (1886-1961), baseball star; Robert Moses (1888-1981), U.S. public official; Ossie Davis (1917-), actor-director, is 75; Ramsey Clark (1927-), former U.S. attorney general, is 65; Keith Richards (1943-), musician, is 49; Steven Spielberg (1947-), director-producer, is 45.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, Stan Barrett became the fastest man on wheels when he drove the Budweiser Rocket 739.666 mph in Mojave, Calif.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "If Rosa Parks had not refused to move to the back of the bus, you and I might never have heard of Dr. Martin Luther King." — Ramsey Clark, on the effectiveness of individual protests.

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1985, the worst wind and rain storm in 50 years at Tabuk, Saudi Arabia, led to flash flooding that took 15 lives.

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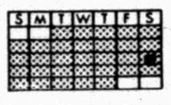
It's simple to con a kid into believing Santa comes down the chimney, but what do you tell him if the house has baseboard heating?

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HANUKKAH begins at sundown today. It is the 354th day of 1992 and the 89th day of fall.



TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1777, the American Continental Army established camp at Valley Forge, Pa.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Cicely Tyson (1933-), actress, is 59; Richard E. Leakey (1944-), anthropologist, is 48; Tim Reid (1944-), actor, is 48; Robert Urich (1947-), actor, is 45; Kevin McHale (1957-), basketball player, is 35; Alyssa Milano (1972-), actress, is 20.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1970, Ken Houston of the Houston Oilers returned 2 interceptions for touchdowns in a game against the San Diego Chargers. He set an NFL record by returning 4 interceptions for touchdowns during the season.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The administration of justice is the firmest pillar of government." — George Washington

TODAY'S WEATHER: On this day in 1924, with a low temperature of -59 F, Riverside Ranger Station in Yellowstone National Park (Wyo.) set the all-time December record low temperature for the continental U.S.

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TODAY'S MOON: Between last quarter (Dec. 16) and new moon (Dec. 23).



TODAY'S BARB
BY PHIL PASTORET

These days, the first thing a child will ask if given a pet is, "Where do the batteries go?"

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FOR THE HOLIDAY — Ira Future Homemakers of America bagged fruits and nuts last week to be distributed to faculty, staff and students for Christmas. Back row, from left, Cory Rosas, Kasey Calley, Jessica Williams, Kristi Sorrells, Xandy Hudson, Margarita Aguinaga, Misty Chance, Nikki Hudson, Stacey Taylor, Ronal White, Lindsey Northcott and Judd Rogers. Seated, from left, Rebecca Johnston, Cille Jenson and Judy Sanchez. (SDN Staff Photo)

Germany ratifies European unity treaty

BONN, Germany (AP) — Germany ratifed the treaty on European political and economic union Friday, becoming the 10th of the 12 European Community nations to sign on.

Still undecided on the issue are Denmark, whose voters have already refused once to ratify the so-called Maastricht treaty, and Britain, where opposition is high.

All 12 EC nations must ratify the accord before it takes effect.

The Bundesrat, parliament's upper house, unanimously approved the treaty Friday after just two hours of debate. The Bundestag, the lower house, approved the treaty on Dec. 2.

Since the unification of East and West Germany, leaders have sought to allay concerns of another German superpower by tying the nation tightly to European unity.

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Inner-city campus likely

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mayor Nelson Wolff says he has received assurances from University of Texas System Chancellor William Cunningham that a UT-San Antonio inner-city campus will be built.

But he said Friday the top UT official still is making no promises that it will go on the site of the failed Fiesta Plaza mall.

Wolff said Cunningham told him during a long telephone conversation that he is "committed to getting a campus in the inner city."

"He said, 'It's not a light commitment. It's something we need to do,'" Wolff said.

During a meeting with The San Antonio Light's editorial board on Wednesday, Cunningham did not rule out a downtown campus but said officials were not committed to any particular site.

"I think we all know that we need to very seriously consider another campus in San Antonio," Cunningham said. "The downtown campus is certainly one alternative and one that we're looking at very seriously."

Balous Miller, president of Bill Miller Bar-B-Q, has offered to buy the failed Fiesta Plaza complex from the Resolution Trust Corp. for $1 million and donate it to the university for construction of a UTSA downtown campus.

Wolff said Friday that Cunningham is prepared to recommend accepting the property if its buildings and soil contaminants are remediated — work the RTC has allowed to be accomplished with $300,000 set aside from the purchase price.

UTSA President Sam Kirkpatrick, who accompanied Cunningham during his visit to San Antonio earlier this week, called the site study "an opportunity to look at San Antonio 20 to 25 years out, comprehensively around the city, so we have an idea of where the growth demands are going to be, and what the transportation patterns and access issues are likely to be."

Dr. Gott By Peter Gott, M.D.

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

Although the true incidence of nonlethal carbon monoxide poisoning is unknown, almost 4,000 deaths occur annually, either from accidents or suicide. Because exposure to dangerous levels of carbon monoxide is preventable, experts believe that carelessness or lack of knowledge about the substance is a major concern.

Carbon monoxide is a tasteless, odorless, colorless and highly poisonous gas that is released from burning compounds. The most common sources of carbon monoxide are: furnaces, gasoline engines, wood fires and paint removers containing methylene chloride (which, when inhaled, is converted in the liver to carbon monoxide). In addition, tobacco smoke contains the gas; smokers typically have elevated levels of it in their bloodstreams.

Once inhaled, carbon monoxide avidly combines with hemoglobin, the red oxygen-carrying pigment in the blood, to form carboxyhemoglobin. This chemical reaction displaces oxygen, literally causing asphyxiation. The affinity of hemoglobin for carbon monoxide is more than 200 times that for oxygen; thus, even small amounts may have disastrous effects.

Moreover, the presence of carboxyhemoglobin inhibits the release of oxygen by normal hemoglobin, further accentuating the effects of carbon monoxide. Basically, tissues become starved for oxygen. Finally, carboxyhemoglobin ordinarily remains in the blood for more than five hours; this accentuates asphyxiation, even during the recovery phase.

As carboxyhemoglobin levels build up, patients experience a progressively severe set of symptoms. Initially, shortness of breath, headache, dizziness, and nausea appear, followed in short order by visual disturbances, confusion, lightheadedness and seizures. Eventually, coma, cardiopulmonary failure and death ensue.

Chronic exposure to carbon monoxide produces less dramatic symptoms than does acute exposure: angina, fatigue and worsening of any lung problem, such as emphysema.

After recovery from acute exposure, some people report continuing symptoms, such as memory loss and personality changes. A few patients may exhibit a syndrome resembling Parkinson's disease.

Treatment consists of breathing 100 percent supplemental oxygen, preferably under pressure (hyperbaric oxygen). Additionally, patients may need respiratory support, such as a ventilator, and careful monitoring for irregularities of heartbeat.

Smoke inhalation from fires is the most common cause of carbon monoxide poisoning; therefore, firefighters must take special precautions to ensure an air supply that is rich in oxygen, such as a self-contained breathing apparatus.

For those of us who are not exposed to conflagrations, authorities recommend the following preventive steps.

- Wood fires, especially those in wood furnaces and stoves, must always be well-ventilated. Also, good indoor ventilation is mandatory because it supplies continued oxygen and allows the products of combustion, including carbon monoxide, to escape into the atmosphere.
- Odors from oil furnaces should prompt an immediate search (by professionals) for leaks; where there are oil fumes, there may also be carbon monoxide.
- Don't smoke.
- Never run an automobile engine in a closed space, such as a garage. Experts discourage this habit, which is relatively common during the winter months when drivers warm up their cars on cold mornings.
- Avoid inhaling the vapors of hydrocarbons, such as paint thinners.

Carbon monoxide poisoning is preventable, providing we exercise a modicum of caution in high-risk situations.

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DEAR DR. GOTT: I've had fibrocystic disease for three years. When a biopsy was done recently, it was discovered that I also have atypical ductal hyperplasia. What does this mean? Also, I'm awaiting the results of a biopsy on a lymph node and would like information on chemotherapy and/or hormone treatments should the tissue show a malignancy.

DEAR READER: Fibrocystic disease of the breast (squishy cysts interspersed with scar tissue) is benign, although women with this condition show a slight increase in the risk of developing breast cancer at a later date. However, once the fibrocystic tissue develops atypical ductal hyperplasia (abnormal changes) — as it may in about 5 percent of cases — the risk of cancer increases dramatically, particularly if there is a family history of breast malignancy.

You are being treated appropriately, with biopsies to determine if a cancer exists in your breast. If it is present, it should be removed and suitable additional therapy, such as radiation or anti-hormone pills, given. If the biopsies are negative, you will need to have close follow-up: for example, mammograms every six months and re-biopsy of any suspicious lesions.

I believe that you are jumping the gun by asking about further therapy for a breast malignancy you may not have. Take the problem a step at a time and follow your doctor's advice.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Breast Cancer and Disorders." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: Two years ago I was diagnosed with atopic dermatitis, and I'm a series of sores from head to toe from the itching. I've been treated with prednisone, Kenalog injections, Cyclocort ointment and a host of other medications. Do you have any suggestions?

DEAR READER: Unfortunately, I don't. Atopic dermatitis is a chronic, itchy inflammation of the skin. The cause is unknown, but the condition usually occurs in people with a strong history of allergies. In my experience, cortisone creams (such as Kenalog) or oral steroids (such as prednisone) are the most effective treatments. People with this condition should be under the case of dermatologists.

To give you more information, I am sending you a free copy of my Health Report "Eczema and Psoriasis." Other readers who would like a copy should send $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 91369, Cleveland, OH 44101-3369. Be sure to mention the title.

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Astro-Graph

By Bernice Bede Osol

Your Birthday

Dec. 19, 1992

Some alterations in your lifestyle you've been hoping to make but have been unable to do so in the past could be possible in the year ahead. Happy transformations are possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Something is going on behind the scenes that will be of benefit to you when it is disclosed fully. You might get your first inkling of it today. Know where to look for romance and you'll find it. The Astro-Graph Matchmaker instantly reveals which signs are romantically perfect for you. Mail $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Matchmaker, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Try to devote as much time as possible today to a new endeavor that has captured your fancy. You're apt to be luckier with your current interests than you will be with your older ones.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Major accomplishments are possible in this cycle if you choose to focus your efforts on them. Don't waste time on goals of small significance. Elevate your sights.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Have total faith in your abilities today and you might even surprise yourself with what you'll be able to do. Mountains can be moved if you believe that it's possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Your most substantial opportunities today are likely to come from arrangements where someone else has laid a foundation already. Your participation can supply something gravely needed.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Dealing with people on a one-to-one basis is something you should do well today. If an important matter is to be discussed, avoid group involvement. Instead, seek an intimate exchange.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Time is not likely to be wasted on inconsequential projects today. You're an industrious producer and you'll know how to keep your priorities in order.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Take a break today to smell the roses and do things you enjoy doing. Hours spent in this manner are not a waste of time because they have both mental and physical benefits.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Victory will not be denied you today if you are tenacious and persistent. Focus on finishing what you start, because you grow stronger as the end draws nearer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are a fairly good negotiator today. If you are displeased with an arrangement, see if you can make a positive adjustment now. Remember, the terms were not carved in stone.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) There are certain things that can be done today which could help enhance your material well-being. You know what they are, so don't postpone them once again to a later date.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll perform well today in situations where you have the freedom to act in an independent manner. Do your thing — be a leader, not a follower.

Your Birthday

Dec. 20, 1992

You could be a bit luckier than usual in the year ahead regarding situations that affect your home and family. Your personal finances are also looking better, but beware of being wasteful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Today could be memorable, not because of what you do for yourself, but because of what others might do for you. When it is your turn to repay favors, be sure to balance accounts. Sagittarius, treat yourself to a birthday gift. Send for Sagittarius' Astro-Graph predictions for the year ahead by mailing $1.25 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 91428, Cleveland, OH 44101-3428. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A partnership arrangement with a reliable ally should work out well today for the parties involved. Leave plenty of space for your cohort to use his or her initiative.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Do not be dismayed if an important objective is not achieved on your first try. Your chart indicates success provided you do not throw in the towel prematurely.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A friend of yours who was successful recently in handling a problem similar to one that you now face could have some dynamite ideas for you today. Listen carefully to the suggestions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Something is stirring at this time that might prove beneficial where your earnings are concerned. Be alert for possible ways to develop new revenue.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your willingness to make adjustments for others is your greatest asset today. Every time you bend a bit, those with whom you're involved may bend even more.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Ambitious objectives concerning your career or finances can be achieved today if you make them primary in importance. The secret to your success is focus.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Today you have a way of making everything you do seem exciting. This will automatically attract others to you, because your enthusiasm is contagious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You could be rather fortunate today in ways you'd least expect, especially in a critical matter that you've been trying to tie down and finalize.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Interesting developments are likely today in situations where you are more concerned about others' interests than your own. Unselfishness is rewarded.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Trends should begin to change for the better today in matters that affect your material needs. You could now be lucky where you were once unfortunate.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Try to focus your efforts today on issues or things of personal importance. This is one of those times when you can help yourself and others by looking out for No. 1.

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Scurry County Folks By Shirley A. Gorman

If one quotation could sum up the philosophy of Stanley Peppers, it would probably be this one: "We must dream the dream of tomorrow to succeed."

To Peppers, a Snyder resident since 1987, the dream of tomorrow includes people of all races living and working together in harmony for the betterment of the entire community.

He also cares very deeply about young people and is very committed to helping today's youth carve a useful place in society.

Peppers is one of the guiding forces behind the ongoing effort to renovate and refurbish the old Lincoln School — now the Lincoln Community Center — which he said is an important part of black heritage in Snyder.

Peppers' dream for the rebirth of Lincoln began shortly after he moved to Snyder. Every time he passed the school building he began to think of the possibilities of utilizing the facility. As time passed, he also became more convinced that Snyder's black population should not lose this important part of their history.

An inquiry at Snyder National Bank led him to Mustang Mud Co. of Midland which owned the school. The effort to renovate Lincoln School began in 1990 when the Lincoln Community Center Board was first organized and purchased the building with a loan arranged through Snyder National Bank.

The board's efforts are geared to "reaching out to the whole community," not just blacks, because "If we fall, we all fall together," said Peppers.

Peppers, who serves as president of the organization, began brain-storming ideas with Jack Newsome, who also joined the project and now serves as vice president of the board.

As Peppers and Newsome are spearheading the effort to turn the Lincoln Community Center into a place where all races may gather, both stress that much of the work has been done by volunteers who have come to share the same dream.

The Kiwanis Club also helped them to get the project off the ground, both said.

A big barbecue and cook-out held at the school kicked off the renovation project. When the Lincoln project first began two years ago, the newly formed board faced the monumental task of refurbishing the old school which had stood idle for years. Vandals had also done considerable damage. Fixing it up was "a major operation," both men said.

The roof leaked and much of the floor had to be replaced because of water damage.

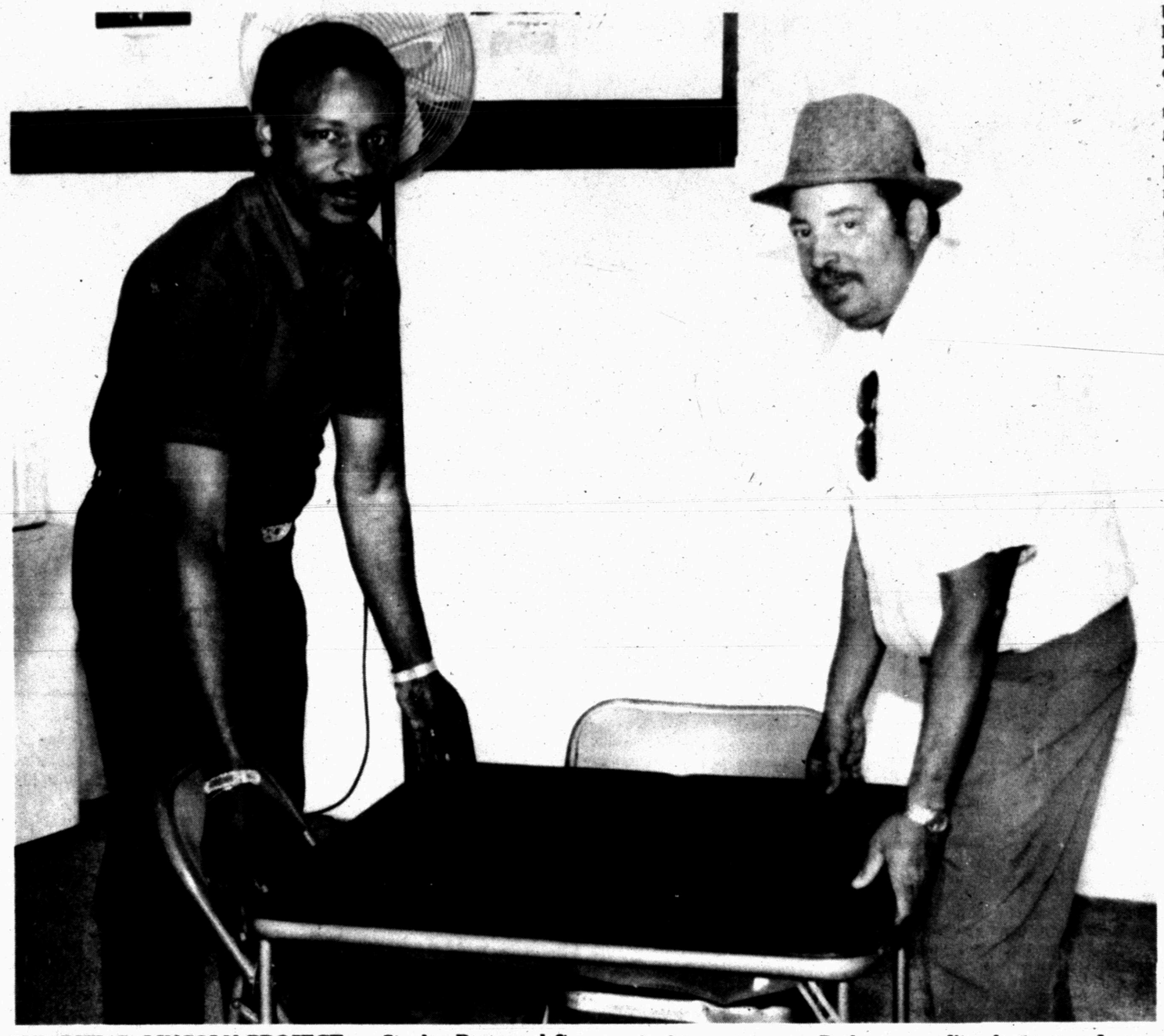
Volunteers working countless hours did most of the renovation work, Peppers said, except for the roof and electrical and plumbing repairs. Volunteers also built a stage and trellis, painted the ceiling and installed carpet.

While Peppers and Newsome envision an expanded center utilizing the entire school, short term goals include "getting the bills under control" and finishing projects currently in the works.

Long-term goals include putting in a pavillion and picnic area with barbecue pits. They are hoping to have this done by next summer. It is anticipated that the planned facility will accommodate groups too large for the Towle Park pavillion.

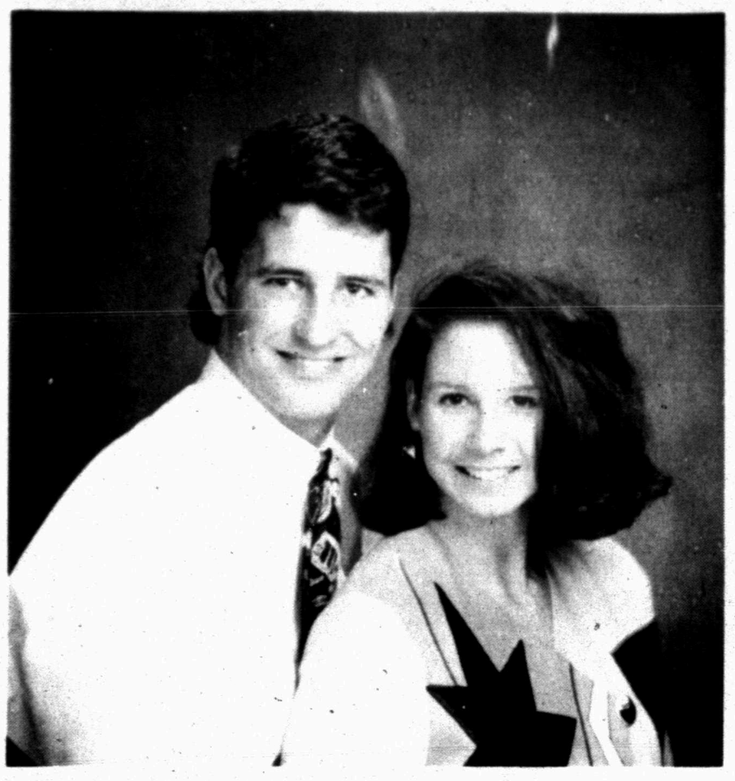
During the past two years, a variety of activities have been held at the former school. They include the annual Lincoln School Reunion, block parties, Halloween activities, weddings, birthday parties

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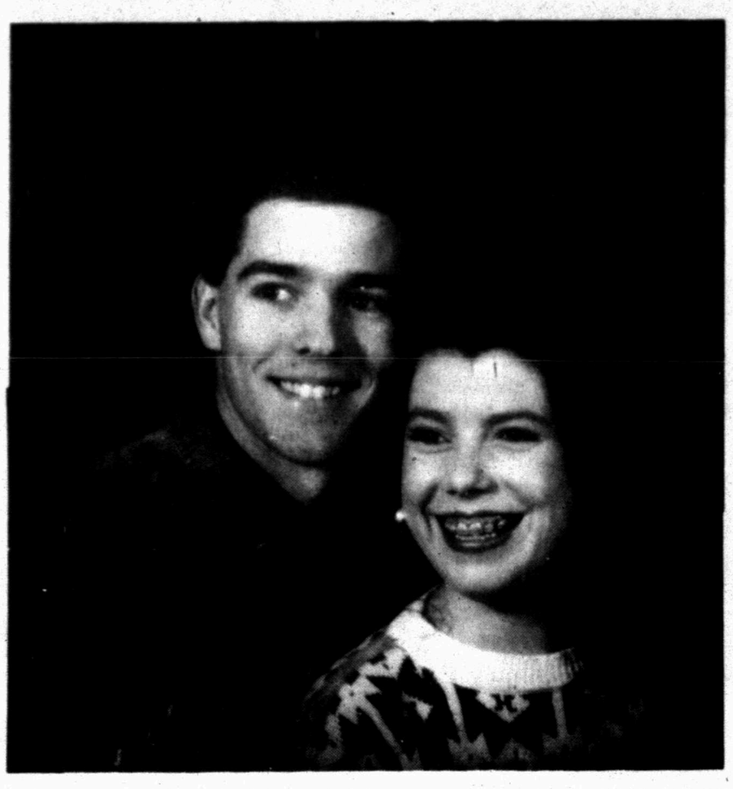


SPEARHEAD LINCOLN PROJECT — Stanley Peppers, left, and Jack Newsome, are spearheading the ongoing project to renovate the Lincoln School building which began in 1990. Part of the work has been completed and now houses the Lincoln Community Center. Peppers serves as president and Newsome as vice-president of the Lincoln Community Center Board which was also organized two years ago. Both men credit volunteers and community cooperation with getting the project off the ground. While much has been accomplished, they said a lot of work remains to be done. Donations and volunteers are always welcome. (SDN Staff Photo)

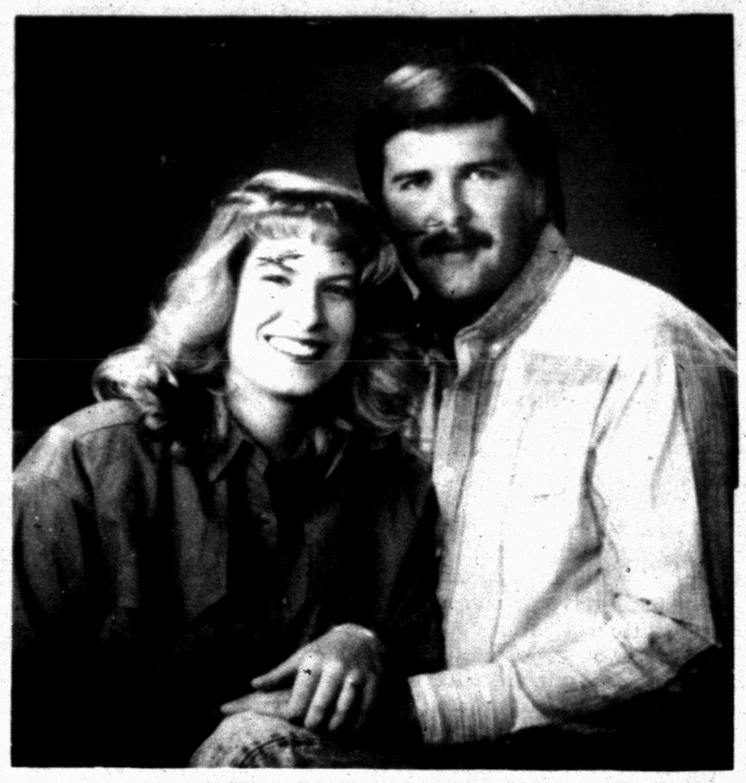
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APPROACHING MARRIAGE — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Foree of Snyder announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Donna, to David Bolton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bolton of Houston. The couple plans a Jan. 9, 1993, wedding at the First United Methodist Church in Snyder. (Contributed Photo)



JANUARY WEDDING SET — Parents of Sarah Brown and Will Inman announce their engagement and approaching marriage. The prospective groom's parents are Wendell and Janis Inman of Colorado City and the future bride's parents are Mike and GeorgeAnne Brown of Snyder. The couple sets their wedding date for 7 p.m. on Jan. 15, 1993, at the Christian Fellowship Church in Colorado City. (Photo By Wadleigh Studio)



MARRIAGE PLANS REVEALED — Mr. and Mrs. Cloyce Scarberry announce the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Kelly Scarberry Bilbrey, to Scott Blaine Warren, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Warren. The pair has set their nuptials for Jan. 23, 1993, at 3 p.m. in the First Baptist Church. (Photo By Harley Bynum)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder

NORTH 12-19-92
♠ 6 4
♥ 9 3
♦ A 9 8
♣ A J 7 6 4 3

WEST
♠ J 10 7 5 2
♥ A K 7
♦ 10 7 4
♣ Q 5

EAST
♠ - - -
♥ 10 8 6 5 2
♦ J 6 5 2
♣ K 10 9 8

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 9 8 3
♥ Q J 4
♦ K Q 3
♣ 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ♥ K

Persistence pays periodically

The Senior Life Master bustled into the room, a few minutes late for his Saturday morning class.

"Which characteristics are necessary for a top bridge player?" he asked.

The replies came slowly at first, then more quickly: mathematical ability, experience, card sense, concentration, a good memory.

"These are part of the answer, but there is one other important aptitude: mental toughness, a never-say-die attitude. Even when defeat seems unavoidable, a top player will search for the one distribution of the cards that will allow him to succeed.

"Look at this deal," he added, putting the North-South cards of today's diagram up on the board.

Against your four-spade contract (the SLM continued), West cashes two top hearts and then switches to the club queen. You win with dummy's ace and play a trump, getting a rude shock when East discards a low heart. It seems you are sure to lose two trump tricks to go with the two hearts already lost. Is there any chance at all?

After pausing long enough to take off his overcoat, hang it in the closet and adjust his tie, the SLM proceeded.

There is one faint chance. You must find West with exactly the right distribution: 5-3-3-2 with two clubs. After winning trick four with the spade ace, play a diamond to dummy's ace, ruff a low club in hand and cash your other three red-suit winners.

You have K-Q-9-8 of spades left; West has J-10-7-5. Exit with the eight or nine of spades. West finds that his two "certain" trump tricks have shrunk to one.

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60th wedding anniversary celebration set

Dee and Viola Pylant will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary at a reception to be held from 2 to 5 p.m., Dec. 27, at the Fluvanna Community Center.

Their children and spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Pylant, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wink of Marathon, Mrs. Jackie Pylant of Snyder and Rex Pylant of Fluvanna, and their grandchildren will host the occasion.

Pylant was born on May 2, 1911, in Bosque County and Mrs. Pylant was born on Nov. 8, 1914, in Fluvanna. Following their marriage on Dec. 31, 1932, in Lovington, N.M., they have lived in Fluvanna.

Hostesses invite friends and relatives to share this special occasion with them in place of gifts.

Scurry County Folks

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and fund-raisers.

Anyone may use the community center as long as they abide by two simple rules — no drinking and no drugs.

Activities are often geared toward the youth but any age is welcome to use the center.

Snyder has also recently organized a youth chapter of the NAACP. Peppers and Newsome said they want the youth of Snyder to be aware of "all the possibilities life has to offer." Future projects will include programs on drug prevention and AIDS awareness.

Peppers said they bring in special guests as often as possible because they want the young people who use the center to have "positive role models."

"Our goal is to try and get the young people off the streets and into a positive environment," he explained. "We need to show young people what can be accomplished and to help them establish goals for themselves."

Peppers, who is from Florida originally, said that today's youth face a "more violent and dangerous world than the one I grew up in." One of his goals is to help to provide them with something they can value — the community center.

The Lincoln Community Center is supported entirely by volunteer donations and fund-raisers, Peppers and Newsome said. Raffle items are often donated by individuals and businesses in Snyder.

Peppers praises Snyder as a "great and clean family community with a lower rate of violence than elsewhere." He cited lack of self esteem as a problem among some young blacks. Involvement is a key ingredient in dealing with this problem, he said. "We must reach out to the younger generation of all races," he emphasized.

Much of Peppers' philosophy was instilled in him by his mother who reared him and 17 siblings. Fourteen are living today.

Peppers' father left the family when he was two weeks old. His mother later remarried. He has two older brothers and three younger. He was born in St. Augustine, Fla. but raised in Gainesville, a close-knit community in Florida where "everyone pitched in to help each other."

"My mother taught us to work for whatever we wanted. She was mother and dad to us for a long time. She wanted us to learn to work and not to depend on welfare," he said.

Peppers' mother still lives in Florida and they visit regularly. He also has some contact with his father who lives in Queens, N.Y.

Peppers dropped out of high school so he could help support his family, finding work in packing houses and construction sites.

Eventually, he found work in the oil field and was a lease operator and relief repairman in Florida before Oryx transferred him to Snyder. He worked at the Sun Gas Plant in maintenance and as a relief operator. He was injured in a 1988 accident at the gas plant and is still on disability leave.

Peppers has four children, Stanley and Iwalla, who are in the ninth grade; Marisha, who is a college student; and Timothy, who is grown.

His wife's name is Gloria.

Peppers said he encourages his children to be active in the community. He tells them that it is important to lift people's spirits so they can see what they can accomplish. He wants them to be able to "live the dream that has been handed down to them."

Newsome, a native of Snyder, was a student at Lincoln School. After completing the elementary grades — Lincoln had no other grades at the time — he had to transfer to San Antonio to get his high school education.

After spending three years in the Army after high school graduation, Newsome came to Snyder to visit his mother and stayed for the next 30 years.

He is employed by Chevron Oil Co.

Newsome said Lincoln School began as the Dunbar School in 1945 and was located on Deep Creek.

A building was added in 1947. Lincoln School opened in 1951. A junior high school and gym was added in 1954. The high school opened in 1957 and the class of 1965 was the last class to graduate.

He said apparently no effort was made to preserve the records of those who attended, something both he and Peppers regret.

Peppers is active in the youth program at Mount Olive Baptist Church. Newsome is a member of the Greater Zion Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

Both are members of Masonic Lodge, Hunter #920 where Newsome is Worshipful Master.

Tables, chairs, volunteers sought for Lincoln project

Part of Lincoln School has been renovated and is now reopened under the name Lincoln Community Center. However, much work remains such as additional repairs for the roof, renovating another part of the school not being used at this time and cleaning up and clearing away junk and debris which litters the outside area.

Other long range goals call for building a pavillion and picnic area — complete with barbecue pits — by next summer, if possible.

As more work is completed, both Stanley Peppers and Jack Newsome, who are spearheading the largely volunteer Lincoln project, said they hope activities at the center will be expanded.

Both said additional tables and chairs are also needed for use in the completed portion.

Anyone wishing to donate items or volunteer to work on the ongoing Lincoln project may call Peppers at 573-6114 or Newsome at 573-9487.

A sauce for plain cake or ice cream

HOT FUDGE SAUCE

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup butter
1-3rd cup water
2 tablespoons light corn syrup
6-ounce package (1 cup) semi-sweet chocolate chips, not imitation chips
1 teaspoon vanilla

In a medium saucepan, combine sugar, butter, water and corn syrup. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a full boil, about 5 to 8 minutes. Boil 3 minutes; remove from heat. Immediately add chocolate chips; beat with wire whisk or rotary beater until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Serve warm over ice cream or cake. Makes 11/2 cups.

Tips From *Expert Hair Design* by Gina Pierce



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WINTER WEDDING PLANNED — Kenneth Roberts of Albuquerque, N.M., and Daisy Roberts of Elkhart, Kan., and Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Green of Snyder announce the approaching marriage of Makala Roberts to Terry Green. The ceremony is planned for 3:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, 1993, at the East Side Church of Christ. (Photo By Wadleigh Studio)

Recipe Box

WALNUT BANANAS FOSTER

3 medium bananas
Lime or lemon juice
2 tablespoons margarine or butter
1/4 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons orange or apple juice
1/4 cup walnut halves
2 tablespoons light rum or brandy
Vanilla ice cream

Peel bananas. Slice in half crosswise, then in half lengthwise. Brush cut edges with lime or lemon juice; set aside. For sauce, in a 9-inch microwave-safe pie plate heat margarine or butter, uncovered, on 100 percent power (high) for 40 to 50 seconds or until melted. Stir in brown sugar and orange or apple juice.

Add bananas and walnuts. Spoon sauce over to coat. Cook, uncovered, on high for 2 to 3 minutes or until bananas are tender. Stir in rum or brandy. Serve warm with ice cream. Makes 4 servings.

Nutrition information per serving: 389 cal., 18 g fat, 5 g pro., 52 g carbo., 123 mg sodium. RDA: 12 percent calcium, 12 percent vit. A, 20 percent vit. C, 16 percent riboflavin.





RECITAL HELD — Piano students of Barbara Tune were featured in a "Christmas Memories" recital Dec. 5 at Martha Ann Woman's Club. Standing in the top picture are (from left) Brandi Doyle, Vadrian Clay, Jacob Crawford, Susan Bigham, Jennifer Bigham, Julie Doolittle, Brooke Gladson, Cara Stansell; seated, Linsey Helm, Lacey Kidd, Callie Bane, Joshua Hall, Natalie Hill, Jason Hall and Hayley Grant. Others in the bottom picture are, standing, David Sutton, Tiffany Jones, Lisa McNair, Regina McNair, Casity Reneau, Amber Lyle, Jamie Preston, Katie Kerley; seated, Audra Reneau, Crissida Tyler, Vanessa Jones, Amber Rich, Ashley Grimmett and Laurie Kerley. Not pictured are Jennifer Williamson, Jennifer Roemisch, Brooke French, Paige Bell and Whitney Webb. (SDN Staff Photo)



BRIDE COMPLIMENTED — Mrs. Jason Augustine, nee Rebecca Vestal, was given a bridal shower recently at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. The couple was married at 7 p.m. on Dec. 19 at the First Presbyterian Church. From left are Mary Beth Vestal, her grandmother; Judy Augustine, the groom's mother; the honoree; Sharrylon Vestal, the bride's mother; Jo Ator of Lipan, her grandmother, and Jan Hegi of Dallas, her aunt. (SDN Staff Photo)

Scurry County Library News and Views

Scurry County Library receives books on loan from the Big Country Library system in Abilene. These books may be checked out by anyone with a library card. They are located in the New Book section and in Large Type Edition section. They are on loan for a period of six months per collection. The county library receives a collection of 50 books per month which includes popular works, diet and health and biographies. Large type books are included in each shipment.

BOOK FEATURE

"Thurgood Marshall: Justice For All," by Roger Goldman.

This book explores the life and career of the man who did more to improve the conditions of the underdog in American society than any other attorney in the 20th Century. Marshall fought ceaselessly against segregation and spoke eloquently for the civil rights of all Americans. Winning 29 of the 32 cases he argued before the Supreme Court, he established a record that to this day stands unparalled in American judicial history.

NON-FICTION

"It Doesn't Take a Hero," by General H. Norman Schwarzkopf.

"Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," by Russell A. Barkley.

"The Allure of the Cat," by Richard Gebhardt.

FICTION

"The Right Kind of War," by John McCormick.

"Defend and Betray," by Anne Perry.

"All My Sins Remembered," by Rosie Thomas.

LIBRARY HOURS

10 a.m. to 6 p.m. — Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat.

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Thompson awarded

NEW YORK (AP) — Emma Thompson is having a good week.

The star of "Howards End" picked up her third best actress award Thursday, this time from the New York Film Critics Circle.

The group also honored "The Player," an insider's lampoon of the Hollywood film industry, as best picture. Its director, Robert Altman, won best director.

Earlier in the week, Thompson received the D.W. Griffith Award and the Los Angeles Film Critics Association award as best actress for her performance as an Edwardian-era Englishwoman in the film adaptation of the E.M. Forster novel.

Snyder Duplicate Bridge Scoreboard

FRIDAY

Dot Casey directed all games.

N-S

1. Shirley Stewart, George Stewart.
2. Dot Casey, Barbara Yorgesen.
3. Lucille Joyce, Durelle Gorman.

E—W

1. Polly Ballard, Verdi Kimbro.
2. Margaret Costin, Warren Costin.
3. LaVerne Hood, Marjorie Brown.

SUNDAY

Swiss Team

1. TIE: Dot Casey, LaVern Hood, Nona Morrison, Polly Ballard; and Shirley Stewart, George Stewart, Anita Talbott, Barbara Yorgesen.

TUESDAY

Swiss Team

1. Dot Casey, Tizzy Hall, Polly Ballard, Nona Morrison.
2. LaVerne Hood, Margaret Birdwell, Anita Talbott, Barbara Yorgesen.

Analyzing vision deficits in soldiers shot in the brain, researchers by the 1920s had pinpointed an area in the rear of the brain, about the size of a credit card, as the primary seat of vision, according to National Geographic.

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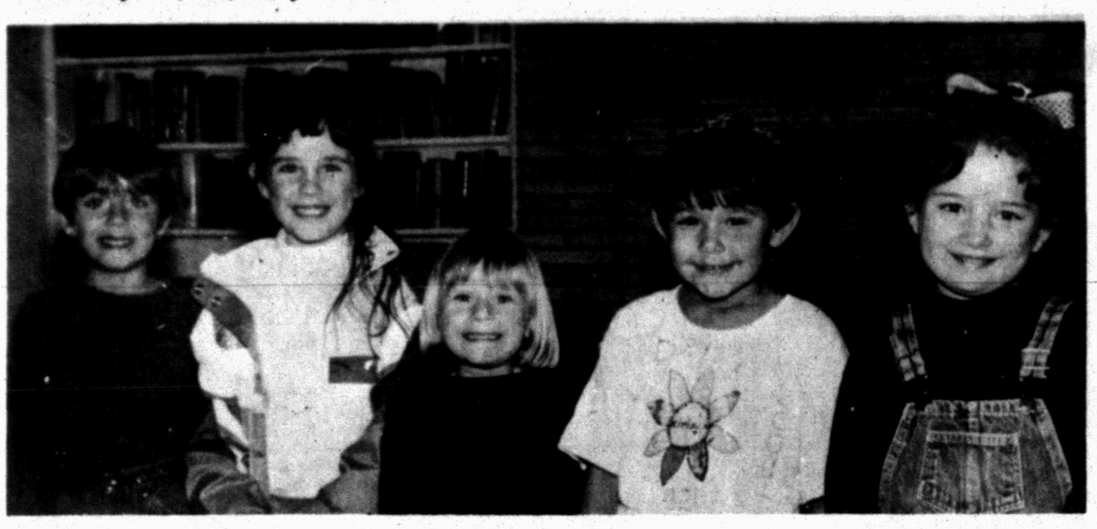
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INVESTITURE CEREMONY — These girls are all smiles as they were about to become official Daisy Girl Scouts at a recent investiture ceremony at the Girl Scout Hut. Leaders are Lee Ann Chaidez and Patricia Torres. From left are Misty Ritch, Sarah Carpenter, Shahala Leatherwood, Kirisa Torres and Krista Chaidez. (SDN Staff Photo)



CHRISTMAS PIANO RECITAL — Students of Joann Snider performed in a recital for parents and friends Sunday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. From left are, front row, Rankin Hardin, Christen James, Sara Potts, Holly Goebel, Casandra Darlin, Jordan Hardin, Kate Wright and Sterling Millhollon; back row, Jared Boyd, Stephanie Alderete, Katie Potts, Laura Stansell, Elizabeth Beckham and Pace Millhollon. Mrs. Snider presented awards to Casandra Darlin and Stephanie Alderete, for practicing the most; Rankin Hardin, memorizing the most pieces since September; and Katie Potts and Holly Goebel, for the best recital performance. (SDN Staff Photo)





MOTT'S STUDENTS PERFORM — A Christmas recital was held Sunday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club by piano students of Mrs. Virgil Mott. Playing songs of the season were, seated from left, top picture, Katie Howard, Jeffrey Garner, Andra Lancaster, Katie McKenzie, Chris Lancaster, Sara Thornhill, Jay Scott; standing, Layne Scott, Chad Lancaster, Melissa Hicks, Kara Gowin, Amanda Gentry, Keisha Gafford, Kelley Garner and Audra Lilly. In the bottom picture are, seated, Jannica Northerns, Jimmy Hall, Lee Idom, Mark Bullard, Erica Cox; standing Christy Garner, April Baker, Sarah Lilly, Sterling Cave, Ample Hsieh and Shannon Hall. (SDN Staff Photo)



ASSISTING — Guests assisting in several selections in Mrs. Virgil Mott's piano recital were Melanie Smith, Triesta Lilly and Paula Howard, from left. (SDN Staff Photo)

Book that will help kids write

By JANICE HUGHES
Associated Press Writer

Kids can let their voices be heard. How? By writing letters all over the place, says Michael Levine, author of "The Kid's Address Book."

Whether it's to the president of the Inka Dinka Ink Children's Press (4741 Guerley Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45238) or even The Pentagon (Washington, D.C. 20301), Levine has the name and address in "The Kid's Address Book" (Perigee Books, $8.95).

It's a book of more than 1,500 addresses of the people and organizations most affecting youngsters' lives, says Levine, including celebrities, athletes and entertainers. His choices range from the serious to the silly, from U.S. government and world leaders to rock groups, from the American Student Council Association to cartoon character Darkwing Duck.

Kids can use the book to contact a pen pal or join a club, says Levine, who heads a public relations firm based in Hollywood.

The letters can be questions or complaints, or even a declaration of love, Levine says. Not every letter will get a response, he adds, but many will. He offers these tips:

— Always include a self-addressed, stamped envelope. "Because of the unusually high volume of mail notable people receive, anything you can do to make it easier for them to respond is going to work in your favor." Be sure to include your name and address on all the materials you send, in the event your envelope is separated from your letter.

— Keep your letters short and to the point. For instance, if you want an autographed picture of your favorite TV personality, don't write three pages of prose to explain your request.

— Make your letters as easy to read as possible. Type it, or use neat handwriting. Avoid crayons, markers, or even pencils.

— Never send food. Due to spoilage and security matters, it cannot be eaten anyway. Think about it. Would you eat a box of homemade brownies sent to you by a stranger?

Levine says he hopes the book will help kids begin to appreciate writing and communicating. "The most important thing is to get going and have fun," says Levine, who suggests that kids keep a chart at home and monitor their results.

Community Calendar

MONDAY

Open duplicate bridge; Colorado City bridge room; 7 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge 294; Lodge Hall; 7:30 p.m.

Scurry County Alcoholics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 863-2348, 573-8626, 573-9924 or 863-2349.

TUESDAY

Weight Watchers; First Assembly of God; 5:30 p.m.

Beta Delta Phi; MAWC; 7 p.m.

Parenting Support Group; 2513 College Ave.; for more information, call Snyder Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse at 573-1141.

Hobbs Co-Dependent 12-Step group; Hobbs school gym; call Sharon or Jimmy Prayton at 735-3640 (Rotan); 7 p.m.

ACBL Open Pairs Duplicate Bride; Snyder Country Club; 7 p.m.

TOPS TX56; 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, and meeting from 6 to 7 p.m.; 2501 35th. For information, call Jean Yearwood at 573-9444.

Scurry Lodge 706; AF and AM degree classes; 7:30 p.m.

New Horizon Alcoholics Anonymous (closed); Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-9924, 573-5867.

Al-Anon; 8 p.m.; Park Club in Winston Park. For more information, call 573-3956, 573-2101, or 573-8626.

WEDNESDAY

Narcotics Anonymous; Park Club in Winston Park; 8 p.m. For more information, call 573-3961 or 573-8885.

Fer-de-lance named deadliest snake in Western Hemisphere

COMITAN, Mexico (AP) — One of the largest and deadliest poisonous snakes in the Western Hemisphere is the fer-de-lance.

The fer-de-lance, found in wet and dry regions from tropical Mexico to the Amazon Basin, eats birds and small animals. There may be over 60 young snakes in one brood, and at birth the baby snakes have fully developed fangs, with venom capable of killing.

Martin wants more serious movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Steve Martin said he hopes to make serious movies as well as comedies — and his current film "Leap of Faith" is a start.

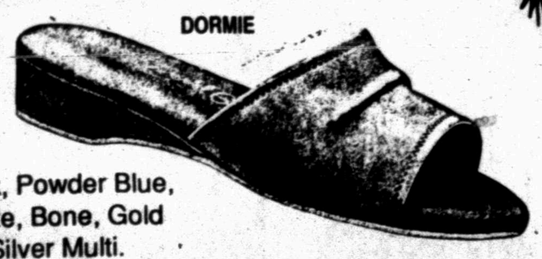
"My goal is that one day, somebody will say, 'Steve Martin is in a drama,' and people will say, 'So what?'" he told The Orange County Register in an article published Sunday.

In "Leap of Faith," Martin plays a conniving preacher who fleeces the flocks while performing fake miracles. While Martin draws on his background as a stand-up comedian for the role, it isn't exactly comedy, he said.

"I don't want to make a movie where the audience goes to see it and it's a downer," Martin said.


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Cisneros created business empire

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a few years, former San Antonio Mayor Henry Cisneros has used his political capital to help build a business domain that includes an investment company that manages $525 million in pension funds and other assets.

Cisneros, named Thursday by President-elect Clinton to head the Department of Housing and Urban Development, is chairman and chief executive of the company that bears his name.

He also has established Cisneros Communications, which provides his commentaries to newspapers and radio and television outlets, and Cisneros MetroAir Service Inc., a small charter service.

He'll have to put it all on hold when he returns to public office. Cisneros resigned his seat on the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas in August to join the Clinton-Gore campaign, where he courted Hispanic voters with his "Adelante con Clinton" (Forward with Clinton) networks.

Cisneros, 45, the first Hispanic mayor of a top 10 American city, rose to national prominence during his four two-year terms from 1981 through mid-1989. He was elected president of the National League of Cities in 1985.

As mayor, Cisneros was credited with fusing government and private-sector efforts to improve downtown tourism and convention business. He pushed for construction of a fashionable downtown river mall and successfully campaigned for voter approval of a $180 million domed stadium.

Cisneros supplemented his $75-a-week mayor's salary with hefty speaking and writing fees: $193,820 in 1988, according to his financial disclosure statement for that year.

"I want to build an asset base, not just earn a salary," Cisneros said in a 1989 newspaper interview, looking ahead to his entry into private life. He said he needed to build a financial base for himself and his family, to provide for his two daughters' education and medical costs for his 5-year-old son, who was born with a defective heart.

And build he did. Cisneros teamed with two of his fellow graduate students in public administration at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School, developer Narciso Cano and financial adviser Victor Miramontes.

Cano is president of Cisneros' investment firm, Cisneros Asset Management Co., according to documents the company filed in September with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington. Other company officials include two former executives of Wall Street giant Salomon Inc.

Cisneros, the chairman and chief executive, owns about 30 percent of the Houston-based company, which he started in 1989 when he left City Hall. Transamerica Criterion Group, a larger investment firm, has 15 percent.

Clients have included the Texas Volunteer Firefighters Association, which invested some $5 million with Cisneros' company; the Houston Firemen's Relief and Retirement Fund, $30 million; the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool, $58 million; and the Chicago Municipal Employees' Pension Fund, about $70 million.

"We're very pleased with his management of the fund," George Bogdanich, a spokesman for the $2 billion Chicago pension fund, said Thursday.

Bogdanich said the fund started by investing $25 million with the company about two years ago, and reaped a 16 percent to 17 percent return in the bond market.

Cisneros' company was among those chosen because "he had a good reputation as a mayor and as a fund manager," Bogdanich said. "We're always looking for qualified minority managers, and he fit the bill very well."

Cisneros is a director of U.S. Long Distance Corp., a telecommunications company based in San Antonio. He receives a $500 fee for each board meeting he attends.

Miners digging up profits overseas

By Mark Jewell
Associated Press Writer

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Carlos Zamora couldn't have expected better results.

The Bolivian undersecretary of the Ministry of Mines flew to the Northwest Mining Association convention here recently to promote mining opportunities in his country.

After showing a promotional video, U.S. executives crowded around him, thrusting business cards. That night, a rush of late-hour traffic came to his hotel room for more information, and nine officials told him they were considering a visit to Bolivia to learn more.

Zamora expects at least one of the new contacts to join the nine North American mining companies already doing business in Bolivia.

"My country is opening its doors to mining investment," he says.

U.S. mining companies aren't waiting for people like Zamora to tell them they should be looking for mother lodes abroad.

Industry officials say the United States is no longer a good place to turn minerals into money, contending that environmental regulations are too strict and ore deposits increasingly difficult to find.

They say mining executives plan to turn their attention overseas as long as mineral-rich foreign countries entice them with tax incentives and less burdensome regulations.

Latin America is the destination of choice for most, but mining companies also see opportunities in the former Soviet Union and China, they say.

Arvi Parbo, chairman of Western Mining Corp. Holdings Ltd. and Alcoa of Australia Ltd., says many Australian firms are joining Americans in search for overseas profits.

"We really regard the whole world as our place of business these days," Parbo says.

The emerging global mining scene was the theme of the four-day convention in Spokane a few weeks ago, which drew more than 3,500 industry officials, most from the western United States and Canada.

Miners say the United States has plenty of mineral wealth left, but that it's increasingly hard to extract since the richest deposits already have been tapped.

The regulatory burden, however, remains the biggest obstacle, they say.

Marshall Koval, president of the Northwest Mining Association, says it's not unusual to wait more than five years to receive environmental permits and win government permission to develop new mining properties. Even after that wait, he says, projects still can be turned down or held up in court battles with environmentalists.

In Chile, approval can take as little as six months, according to Parbo.

Bob Miller, senior mining engineer for Pittsburg & Midway Coal Mining Co., a subsidiary of Chevron, says developing nations in desperate need of jobs are increasingly staking their futures on mineral wealth.

And the best thing about mining is that it requires relatively little initial public investment in developing roads, water and other infrastructure, Miller says.

He says Chile is considered the development model many countries follow. After Gen. Augusto Pinochet took power in 1974, he helped turn around the country's slumping mining industry. Pinochet's regime built up the nation's infrastructure, privatized the mines and eased tax burdens.

High-Speed Rail Authority...

Cost of environmental study questioned by organization

AUSTIN (AP) — It should not surprise the Texas High-Speed Rail Authority that 1992 billings for an environmental review are greater than expected, an official with the firm conducting the study says.

Authority members on Thursday expressed dismay that Dallas-based Woodward-Clyde Consulting submitted bills totaling almost twice what was expected in fiscal 1992, which ended Aug. 31.

The firm is studying the environmental impact of a bullet train linking the state's largest cities.

Clint Miller, project manager for Woodward-Clyde, said the firm notified authority officials in April that the total $2.16 million price tag of the two-year study would be insufficient to cover all costs.

"We know that the project is larger than we anticipated," Miller said.

He said the firm's contract does not specify how much of the total cost the firm can incur each year, but does allow re-negotiation of the total price after the initial phase of the study is complete.

But Authority member Bob Krueger said Woodward-Clyde had agreed to spend only $444,780 in fiscal 1992, which ended Aug. 31. The firm submitted bills totaling $858,578.

"They are submitting bills for about twice as much as they are authorized," Krueger said.

Miller said the $444,780 figure for 1992 was merely a rough estimate that the firm put together "in a matter of hours."

Although the authority has contracted with Woodward-Clyde, the study and all other expenses relating to the project are paid for by Texas TGV Corp., the firm which has been chosen by the state to build the train.

State law forbids using taxpayer dollars to fund the project.

Authority member Jim Nugent said state law may not allow the authority to pay all the bills, and that the situation needs to be resolved quickly.

"I think publicly we ought to put Woodward-Clyde on notice," Nugent said.

Authority members told Samuel Goodhope, the authority's executive director, to discuss the matter with Woodward-Clyde officials to try and resolve the matter.

Goodhope said he would be meeting with the consultants and issuing a report to the commission at its January meeting.

Although the actual billings have so far been almost double the original estimate, Miller said, the final study cost will not increase that drastically.

Old sidekicks have differing viewpoints

By George Gedda
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — All week long President Bush has been calling attention to his foreign policy achievements, telling audiences that Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Latin America are better places as a result of his stewardship.

But is Bush really turning over to President-elect Clinton a safer world than the one he inherited four years ago?

Consider these observations: "If you look around the globe, the new world order looks increasingly like one of disorder. ... We might well wonder if we are trading a single, monolithic threat to the world's peace for a host of smaller, yet no less deadly, flash points. ... Evil still stalks the planet."

These are not the remarks of a Bush-baiting Democrat but of none other than Bush's old sidekick, Ronald Reagan. In a speech two weeks ago, Reagan's thoughts about the state of the world were far different from the one Bush has been outlining this week.

Bush's White House meetings Thursday with Arab and Israeli negotiators were a reminder of the pioneering role he played in arranging direct talks between the two sides. Later in the day, there was another diplomatic trophy for Bush's collection when he signed the North American Free Trade Agreement.

On Tuesday, while Vice President Dan Quayle was in El Salvador helping celebrate a hard-won peace, Bush was in College Station, Texas, talking about how the Cold War ended peacefully on his watch with his help.

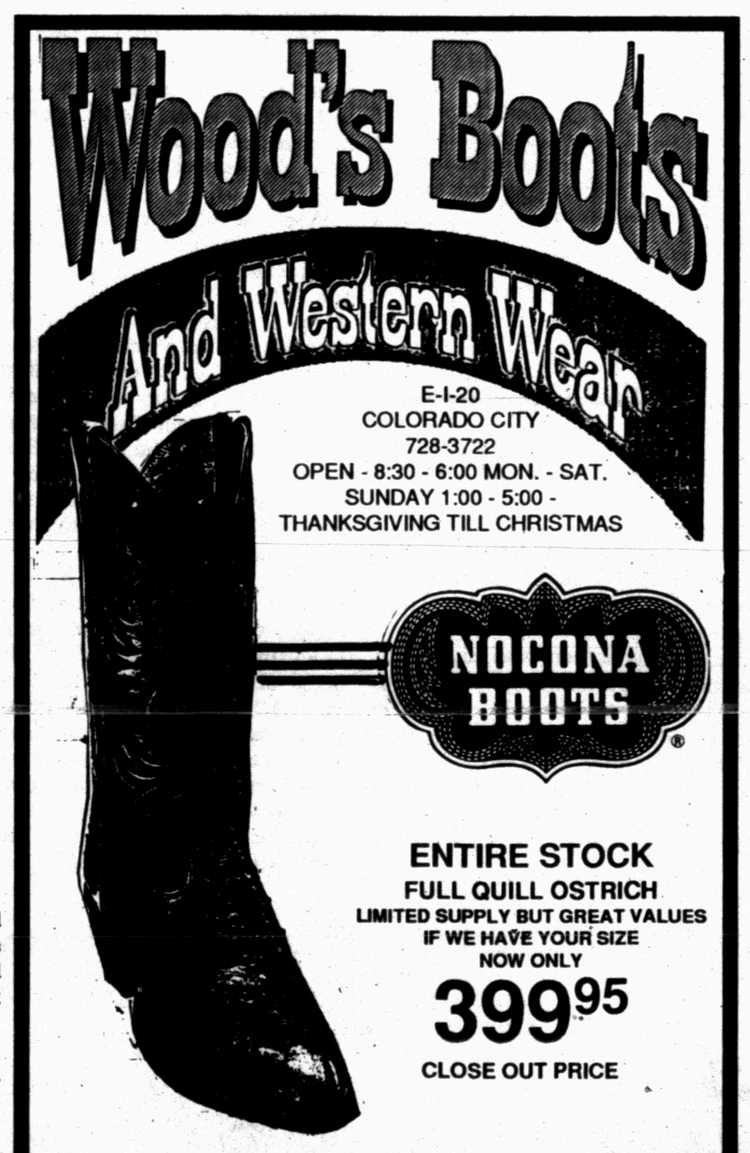
"As the peoples of Eastern Europe made their bold move for freedom, we urged them along a peaceful path to liberation. They turned to us, they turned to America — and we did not turn away," he said.

Bush did not pretend that America had the luxury of turning inward. Indeed, he warned that isolationism would mean less security for Americans and the isolation of American principles.

Reagan made the same point himself in his Dec. 4 speech at Oxford University.

AP news analysis







Editorial Roundup

Corpus Christi Caller-Times on lawsuit awards:

This is a state ranking only a trial lawyer could cheer. Texas leads the country in million-dollar-plus jury verdicts, according to Rep. Kim Brimer, R-Kennedale, head of the House Interim Committee on Business and Commerce.

If that trend continues, he said, "we could see Texas jury awards surpass the $1 billion mark. That is outrageous by any standards."

It's not outrageous to Tommy Townsend, executive director of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association, who said there is "unjustified hysteria" about lawsuit abuse. "The reason jurors come up with big awards is to send a message to somebody that we don't want this kind of behavior in our community."

It sends a message, all right, to manufacturers and businesses thinking of setting up operations here. Firms are understandably reluctant to locate in a state leading the nation in damage awards....

The big picture is that Texas needs to completely overhaul its civil liability laws.

But, because of another state ranking, don't pin any lofty hopes on the Texas Legislature. Of the 50 states, Texas has the second highest percentage of lawyers in the Legislature. That's a big part of the problem and it's one that will make a solution much harder to achieve.

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on line-item veto:

Next month, a couple of Republican senators may use a time-tested legislative vehicle — trying to attach an unpopular amendment to a vital piece of legislation — to make Congress and perhaps a new president take a stand on the line item veto. ...

It may even remind many members of Congress that the line-item veto, or its milder cousin the enhanced rescission process, would be a simpler alternative to a balanced-budget amendment...

But something different needs to be tried, and enhanced recission is a likely-looking answer...

The president already has the power of recission, which means he asks Congress to take something out of a bill. But Congress is free to ignore his request. Enhanced recission would require first the House and then the Senate to vote on a recission request. A simple majority in each house would be required to endorse or defeat the recission.

The beauty of this is that it satisfies the constitutional question — a majority in Congress would have the say-so on spending — while making first the president and then the voting members of Congress clearly responsible for a yea or nay on questionable spending items...

Enhanced recission would be a useful tool...

San Antonio Light on contributions to judges:

For years, Texas has been embarrassed by its system of selecting judges, which leaves the strong impression that the scales of justice can be tipped by hefty campaign contributions.

Yet the current system remains in place. How long will this state allow lawyers to give money to judges who will hear their cases in court? ...

It's likely that Texas judges will continue to be elected, although possibly from single-member districts. That being the case, much stricter campaign-ethics rules are needed.

Among (newly elected 4th Court of Appeals Judge Tom) Rickhoff's recommendations are capping individual contributions at $250, placing a ceiling on campaign spending, prohibiting judges from soliciting funds and banning "officeholder" accounts and post-election fund-raisers.

Those sound like good ideas to us. Something must be done to correct the impression — and possibly, on occasion, the reality — that Texas justice is for sale.

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Country Life

By Deanie Francis Mills

City people are such weeinies.

Last week, CBS's "Sunday Morning" ran a wonderful little segment about a place up in Vermont or somewhere like that which offered, "X-MAS TREES. U-CUT." And it showed what appeared to be upper-middle class white folks trudging along through this stand of firs in the snow with their happy little kids, searching for the perfect tree to cut down for Christmas.

It made me teary-eyed, because we always cut our own tree and my kids get just as excited about it now as teenagers as they did when they were little. Still, the newness of it is what makes you cry; I mean, how fresh and thrilling it is for the little ones.

But that's where the resemblance ended.

Tree after tree got rejected. "I don't like that bald spot in back," said one dad. Or, "The branches at the bottom aren't broad enough."

WEEINIES!

They ought to try cutting off a chunk of West Texas cedar for a tree. You'll NEVER get a perfect little cone with no bald spots. After all, you're not really cutting a tree at all — you're sawing off a branch. Just one tree-looking branch; and the bigger and fluffier it is, the happier you are. As for the bald spots, well, it wouldn't be a cedar if it didn't have a bald spot. You just turn that part toward the wall.

Then dad started to saw off the tree at the trunk, which was about eight inches thick. Pant, pant. Huff, puff. The six-year-old said, "You can do it, Daddy, I know you can!" and dad mumbled, "I shoulda brought the chain saw."

WEEINIES!

Take a CHAIN SAW? Whoever cut off a cedar chunk with a chain saw? Oh no. You gotta climb halfway up the tree, balance precariously, saw off a couple of maverick limbs that are in the way, and pick just the right spot on the branch that will give you enough "trunk" to stick in the stand. Ya don't use no chain saw.

Came time to drag the tree back across the lot and load it into the pickup they must have borrowed for just this purpose. Pant, pant. Huff, puff. Dad says, "I shoulda brought the snowmobile."

WEEINIES!

Snowmobile, blowmobile. If you can't drag a little bitty old tree across a lot without a snowmobile, then I don't want to hear about all your stupid aerobic's classes. You're still a weinie.

Out here in West Texas, we do it in what the Aggies call the "Raga tough" way. It's a job for the rugged at heart.

Weeinies need not apply.

Look Back

By JoAnn Nunley

5 YEARS AGO

Two top postal staff employees announced plans to retire. They were postmaster for Snyder's U.S. Post office, Wendell Thomas, and superintendent of postal operations, J.O. Morrison. Thomas had 38 years service and Morrison had 40 years, all in Snyder.

Bob Lewis Printing opened at 2423 College, former location of Powell Printing. Lewis had been in the printing business for 35 years.

Hermleigh High School class officers included Daniel Ramey, president; Joe Mireles, vice president; RexAnne Reynolds, secretary; Bobby Brown, treasurer; and Billy Joe Gannaway, banquet chairman.

10 YEARS AGO

Following bid presentations from three groups, a new ambulance service was secured for Snyder. City council members voted to pass the ambulance responsibility to AID Ambulance, Inc., operating in Levelland and Lubbock.

Professional rodeo star Dave Appleton visited with members of the Snyder Senior Center during his visit to Snyder. While a student at WTC he led the rodeo team to national honors.

15 YEARS AGO

Roy McCloskey, State Farm agent in Snyder for the past 21 years, was named Agent of the Year at a banquet held in Abilene.

Wanda Hudgins and Donna Stehley were inducted into the Zeta Lambda Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma society for women teachers at its annual Christmas dinner.

Snyderites responded to the assistance of Zacharias Garza, his wife and five children, after their home burned and they lost all their possessions the day after Christmas.

20 YEARS AGO

Cleta Jan Bellamy, Snyder High School senior, was winner of the Voice of Democracy speech contest sponsored by the VFW Post 8231. She advanced to district competition and received a $100 scholarship.

Winners of the Snyder Jaycee's annual Christmas lighting contest were Ned Underwood, 3009 Austin, first place; Mrs. Buck Sitton, 3749 Rose Circle, second; and Clay Johnson, 3611 Ave. X, third.

Scurry County was the first local government to approve the constitutional ammendment for older citizens to receive some tax refief due to the Nov. 7 general election. Anyone 65 years old or older could sign an exemption form at the tax assessor/collector's office.

25 YEARS AGO

The battery staff at Snyder National Guard included C.W. Horsley, first sergeant.; Sgt. Gerald D. Hayes, administration supply technician; 2nd Lt. Joe O. Davis, excutive officer; and Lt. Cecil D. Vineyard, battery commander.

Buffalo Reef

By Bill McClellan

Just when you thought there was no more territory to cover, no new adventures out there...you open the mail and slap! it hits you. Something brand new.

A beauty pageant for waitresses.

Well, sure. Why not. There are beauty pageants for babies, beauty pageants for toddlers, beauty pageants for tots, teens, grandmas, Ms.', Mrs.', misses and near-misses. There are nude beauty pageants, bathing beauty beauty pageants, wet T-shirt beauty pageants and beauty pageants where they actually leave their clothes on.

So why not a beauty pageant for waitresses?

I don't know; it just seems a little silly to me.

What's the theme song? "Yummy, Yummy?" "I'll Wait For You?" "One More Cup of Coffee?" "Take a Tip From Someone Who Knows?"

Food and cocktail waitresses 18 years and older are now being sought to enter America's newest and most unique pageant, "The Prettiest Waitress in the USA," the news release says.

I bet this goes over well.

"Just look at her. She hasn't gotten an order right in the six months she's worked here. She won't bus tables. She can't add, much less use the cash register, and she's never on time. If that uniform were any tighter, they'd have to cut her out of it. But all she has to do is bend over, flap those fake eyelashes and moan 'Can I get you anything, honey,' and the men fumble all over themselves to get out a tip."

In the pageant, waitresses are judged on napkin folding, coffee pouring and how many times they say "dear" and "hon." The winner is determined by how well she can remember an order for five without writing anything down.

No. I'm lying.

Contestants are judged on beauty, personality and poise, according to the news release. There is no swimsuit competition. The contestants wear a waitress uniform and evening wear.

I wonder if the waitress uniforms are provided or if the ladies bring their own.

"It is too fair. I swear this is the costume I wear at Bubba's Topless Grill in Dallas."

Maybe my age is showing. Sure, a pretty face and figure are nice. But what I want in a waitress is someone who is friendly, efficient and will check once in a while to see if I need a refill on my tea. "Thank you" and "come back" are nice options.

Anyway, in case there is a waitress or two out there who might be interested, you can get entry information from DoubleJay Productions, 989 Regal Drive, Palm Springs CA 92262 or call (619) 320-9100.

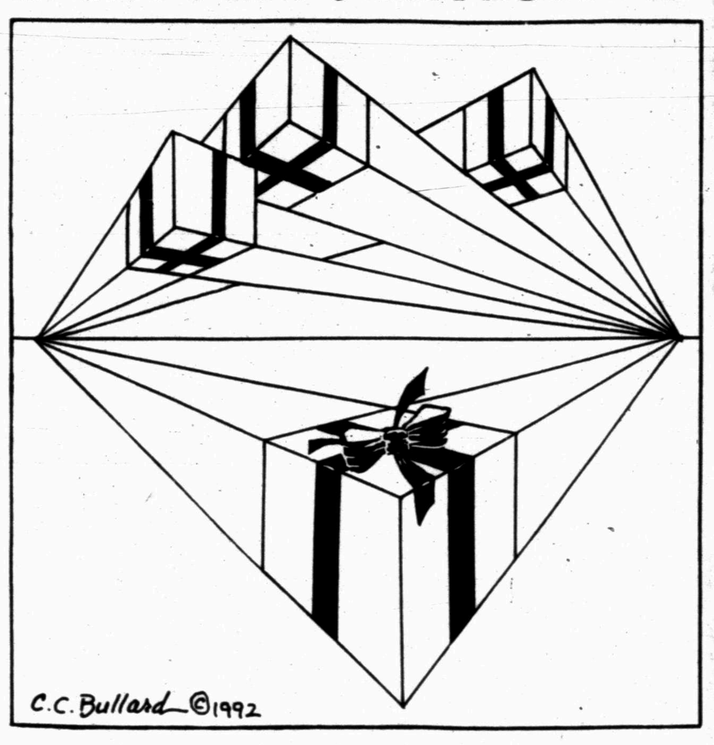
All state winners will receive an all-expense paid trip to Palm Springs to compete for a $10,000 cash prize.

The national finals will also be taped for a syndicated television special.

It oughta rank right up there with the national grocery sacking contest for entertainment value.







Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor

Could I share with you some special blessings, since this is that time of year.

December 9th after attending Christian Women's Club, my husband and myself were on our way to Lubbock where Eddie McHaney our brother-in-law was in process of having by-pass heart surgery.

About seven miles this side of Post our suburban caught on fire. We had nothing to extinguish the fire. After a little panic a trucker stopped, equipped with a fire extinguisher. Also a lady with a fire extinguisher pulled up in front of the trucker. The fire was immediately put out, our first blessing.

The lady took me on into Post right to a phone and made sure I had what I needed assuring me, she would take me back to my husband and car.

After a phone call to my son Randy Chesser to ask if he and his brother Gary Chesser could bring us a vehicle to continue on to Lubbock, also to carry the disabled vehicle back to Snyder. Without hesitation Randy said he and Gary would get all that was needed and be on their way. In record time they arrived with smiles and a vehicle also equipment to take the suburban back to Snyder.

We arrived at St. Mary's Hospital to find Eddie out of surgery and ICU doing fine.

Darrel and I want to thank the trucker that saw a problem and stopped to help. A lady that stopped to help people she did not know. This lady would not let us pay her for her gas and trouble, she only asked for a special prayer for a member of her family.

A great big thanks to Randy and Gary Chesser for being such special sons, for helping with eagerness and love. (A big thanks for the prayer for Eddie).

The blessing I share is nothing to compare to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ the Son of God without Him none of this could have been possible.

Merry Christmas with love.

Susan and Darrel Bills

P.S. Both sons are mechanics, so the car is being fixed!

Dear Editor:

The Christmas Open House Tour we hosted on December 13 was so successful that we are already planning another one for 1993.

This was the first tour hosted by Historic Scurry County, Inc., and the Scurry County Historical Commission and its success was due to many people.

The tour was possible because Mrs. Lois Bishop and Mr. and Mrs. Bernhard Bartels decorated their homes and opened them for the occasion. We thank all those who bought tickets, the businesses who gave support and helped sell advance tickets and the media which helped publicize the event.

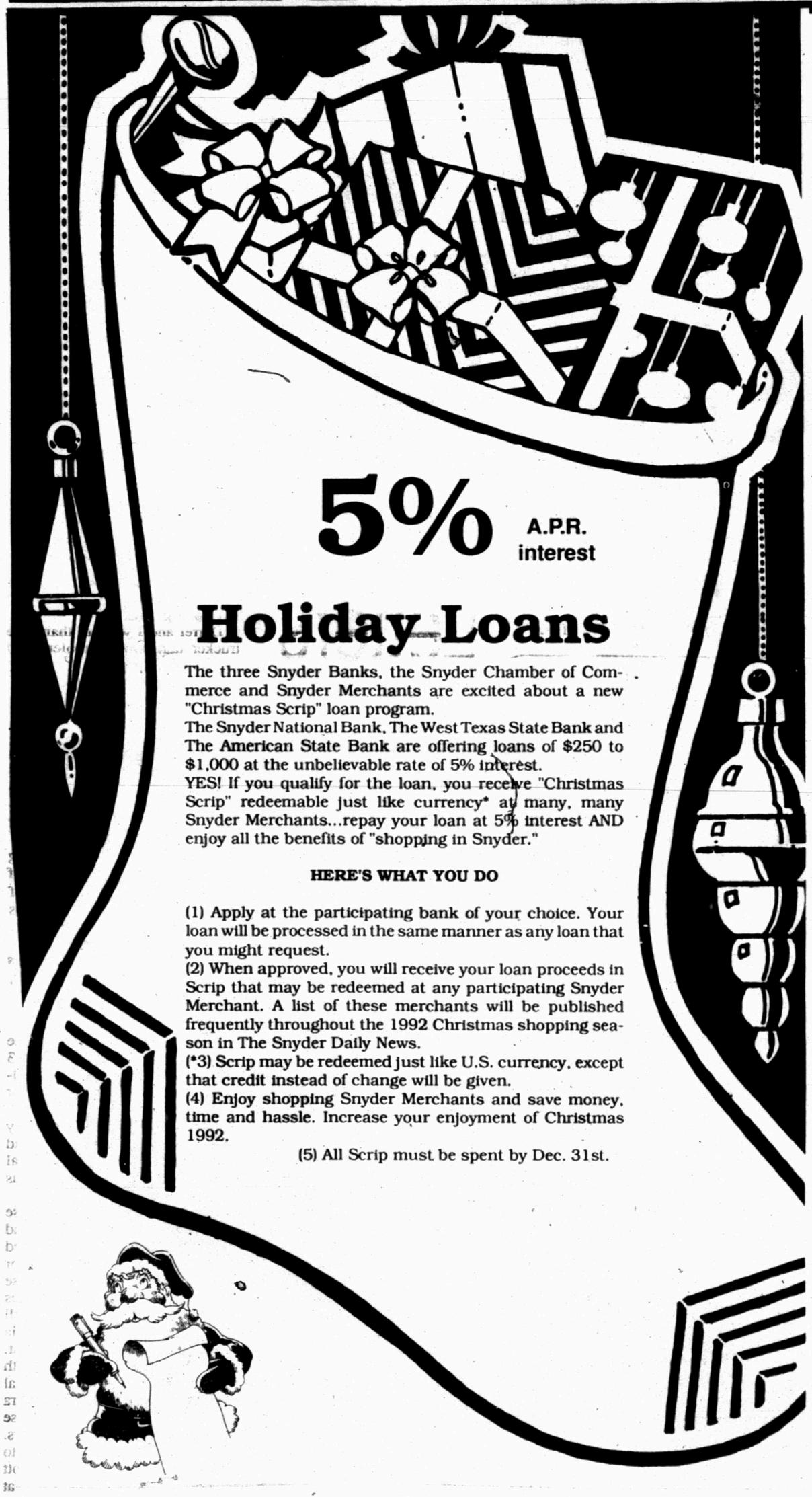
Musical entertainment by fifth grade choir students and the Local Yokels in the school and Barbara Tune's piano students in the house added to the enjoyment of visitors. Tommy Marricle volunteered to give buggy rides at the Dermott school but wisdom dictated that those rides end early due to the cold wind.

Volunteers from the sponsoring organizations put up decorations in the Cornelius-Dodson House and the Dermott School. They also donated the homemade refreshments served in the school to about 100 visitors during the afternoon. All proceeds from the project will go toward the upkeep of the two buildings.

Best wishes for the holiday season from all of us to the community, and our sincere thanks for your continued support.

Yours truly,
Jean Everett, President
Historic Scurry County, Inc.
Aline Parks, Treasurer
Scurry County
Historical Commission

Wrap Up Christmas In Snyder With A Low-Interest Loan!



5% A.P.R. interest

Holiday Loans

The three Snyder Banks, the Snyder Chamber of Commerce and Snyder Merchants are excited about a new "Christmas Scrip" loan program.

The Snyder National Bank, The West Texas State Bank and The American State Bank are offering loans of $250 to $1,000 at the unbelievable rate of 5% interest.

YES! If you qualify for the loan, you receive "Christmas Scrip" redeemable just like currency* at many, many Snyder Merchants...repay your loan at 5% interest AND enjoy all the benefits of "shopping in Snyder."

HERE'S WHAT YOU DO

(1) Apply at the participating bank of your choice. Your loan will be processed in the same manner as any loan that you might request.

(2) When approved, you will receive your loan proceeds in Scrip that may be redeemed at any participating Snyder Merchant. A list of these merchants will be published frequently throughout the 1992 Christmas shopping season in The Snyder Daily News.

(*3) Scrip may be redeemed just like U.S. currency, except that credit instead of change will be given.

(4) Enjoy shopping Snyder Merchants and save money, time and hassle. Increase your enjoyment of Christmas 1992.

(5) All Scrip must be spent by Dec. 31st.

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Strickland's TV
Western Auto
Classic Interiors
Wal-Mart
Laser Academy
Merle Norman
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Thompson's Shoe Store
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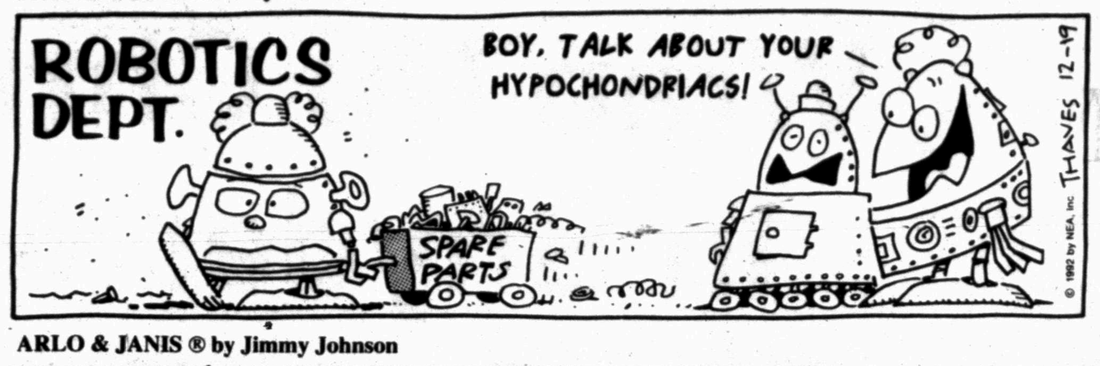
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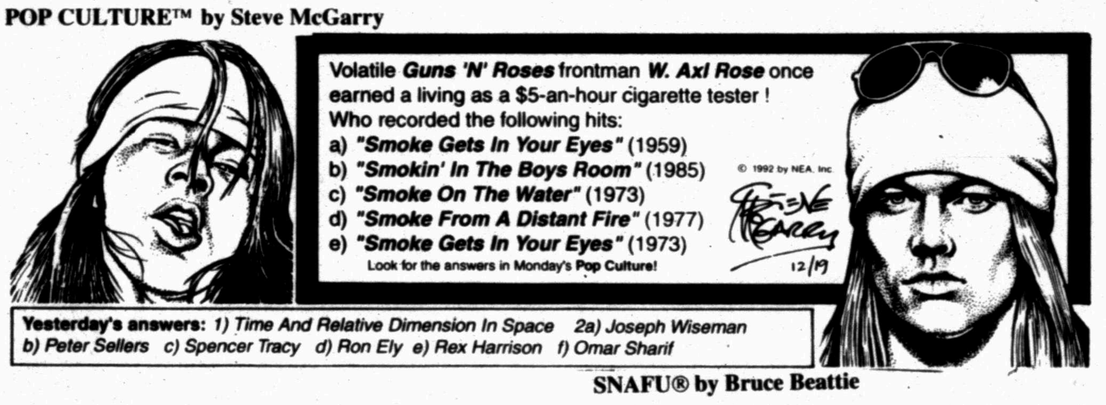
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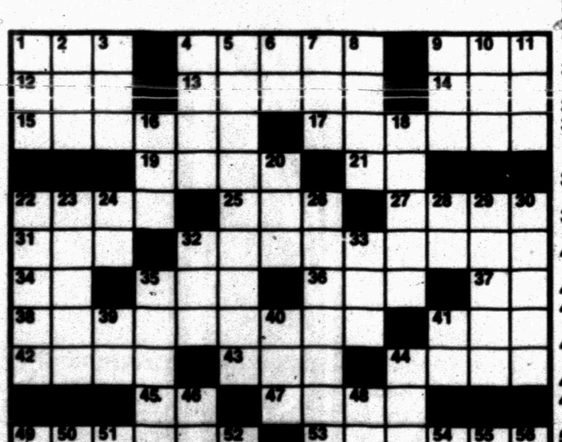
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Movie cafe: scene of real life deadly drama

PLAINVIEW, Texas (AP) — When Steve Martin's character Jonas Nightengale visits the Quick Lunch Cafe in the motion picture "Leap of Faith," it won't be the first time the Plainview diner has been the scene of life-and-death drama.

Older residents recall a real-life tale that occurred at the same location more than half a century ago. "Leap of Faith," Paramount's tale of a disheartened minister who regains his spirit, will be released nationally on Friday.

Although set in Kansas, it was actually filmed last summer in Plainview, Groom and Dallas. The Depression-era diner was featured in numerous scenes.

But none more spellbinding than true life. It was 1:15 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, 1937, when a love triangle involving a husband, his wife, their three children and another married man erupted in gunfire that left one dead, another injured, a third jailed and vivid memories that have spanned the years.

"I was in junior high at (nearby) Ash School at the time," recalled one local businessman, who asked not to be identified.

"I had a dime in my pocket, so I was headed to the Quick Lunch for a large hamburger and an orange Nehi. I was half a block away when I heard the gunfire. I remember seeing the dead man on the ground just outside the Quick Lunch. The other man still had the gun in his hand. I went on into the diner, but I don't think I ordered anything that day."

J.B. Wheeler, retired president of Hale County State Bank, was working for Marvin Neely at the Hilton Hotel Cleaners in 1937. Like many others in downtown Plainview that day, he rushed over after the gunfire.

"The two things that stand out in my memory are that the dead man was wearing a fancy pair of boots, and that I wasn't acquainted with either party.

Attorney Lucian Morehead had begun practicing law two years earlier, in 1935. He remembers that his partner, Meade Griffin (later Texas Supreme Court justice) represented the killer. The grand jury never returned an indictment, he recalled. They considered it self-defense.

Another put it more bluntly, noting that back then justice was handled a little differently. "It was a case of the grand jury deciding that the victim got what he deserved."

The account from the 1937 Plainview Evening Herald reads like a movie script:

"While his two small children looked on, H. Bryant Stevens, Plainview filling station operator, shot and killed Ed L. Kenyon, 34-year-old farmer from Tulia, and seriously wounded Mrs. Stevens."

The shooting occurred a few minutes after Stevens and his wife, accompanied by their two small children, drove into the alley on the east side of the diner.

Kenyon was standing beside his car and, when Kenyon tried to put Stevens' 6-year-old daughter Vida Mae in his own car, the two men began arguing, Stevens pulled his .32-caliber automatic and fired seven shots.

Stevens surrendered to Police Chief Ote Martine when the officer arrived moments later.

Stevens told District Attorney Charles Dean that the fatal shooting was the climax of an affair between his wife and Kenyon, and that he fired in self defense.

Both Vida Mae and her 5-year-old brother Roy witnessed the shooting. Their older brother Elmer Glen was in school.

According to The Herald, Stevens and his wife had separated the month before and she had been living at Lefors with the two younger children.

A week prior to the shooting Stevens went to Lefors and returned with Vida Mae. Sometime during the following week Vida Mae told her father that Mrs. Stevens, Kenyon and the two children had just returned from a trip to California.

On the day of the shooting, Mrs. Stevens — her first name was never listed in news accounts — had Kenyon bring her and her youngest son to Plainview to gather some of their clothes and belongings at the family residence.

After Kenyon dropped his passengers at the Stevens home, he went to the diner for lunch. And that was where Mrs. Stevens asked to be taken after gathering her things.

When they arrived they were met outside by Kenyon who tried to put Vida Mae in his Ford coupe, but she protested, saying she wanted to "stay with Daddy." That's when the argument began.

"He kept his right hand in his trouser pocket and when he dug down, I knew that I had to shoot," Stevens said. "I tried to shoot him in he head but I guess some of the shots went wild." He hit Kenyon in the cheek, forehead, left eye, right thigh and the heart.

Stevens told police he shot his wife by accident. "After I shot Kenyon, she tried to take the gun from me. She was shot in the upper left arm and hospitalized for shock and blood loss.

"Leap of Faith" is set in the mythical community of Rustwater, Kan. Ironically, there's a Kansas connection to the 1937 shooting. Kenyon, who was married and the father of three, was buried in Concordia, Kan., his former residence.

According to Ed Mitchell, who joined the Plainview police force in 1938, the Stevens marriage did not long survive the Quick Lunch incident.

"Stevens ended up leaving his wife and family," Mitchell remembered. Stevens was encountered frequently by police after that, on vagrancy and alcohol-related charges.

"He got to where he was sleeping in boxcars," Mitchell said.

Live, modified virus shows promise

WASHINGTON (AP) — A living, genetically changed virus creates the most powerful AIDS-type vaccine yet found in monkeys, but it will take years to test the safety of such a vaccine in humans, researchers say.

In a study published Friday in the journal Science, Ronald C. Desrosiers and colleagues at the Harvard Medical School report that rhesus monkeys injected with a modified simian AIDS virus were protected from infection even when they were exposed to 1,000 infectious doses of the whole virus.

"None of our vaccines using other products have come anywhere near this level of protective effect," Desrosiers said in an interview Thursday. "This is far and away the most impressive protection effects that we've seen."

He said the virus used had been weakened, or attenuated, in a way similar to modifications in polio, measles and small pox vaccines. That technique, so thoroughly proved in other diseases, has not before been shown to work in an AIDS-type illness, Desrosiers said.

He said there would have to be extensive human trials before such a vaccine is released for general use.

"It could take 10 to 15 years before scientists would be comfortable with the notion of putting such a vaccine into thousands of people," he said.

As of Sept. 30, 1992, AIDS had been diagnosed in 242,146 Americans, of whom 66.2 percent, or 160,372, have died since June 1, 1981, according to the Centers for Disease Control. No one is known to have recovered from AIDS.

The work was called "very impressive" by Dr. Anthony Fauci, leader of an AIDS program at the National Institutes of Health.

"This is the first demonstration in an (AIDS virus) model that use of a live, attenuated virus is possible," he said.

Dr. Charles C.J. Carpenter of Brown University, chairman of the AIDS program advisory committee at NIH, said the study was "some of the most encouraging work yet" in AIDS vaccine research.

"It has the potential of leading toward a vaccine," said Dani Bolognesi, a Duke University AIDS researcher and an NIH adviser. "You could get to the goal line that way."

Desrosiers reported that the study at Harvard's New England Regional Primate Research Center at Southborough, Mass., involved four rhesus monkeys that had been inoculated with a strain of the simian immunodeficiency virus. SIV is a close viral relative of the human immunodeficiency virus or HIV, which causes AIDS.

The monkey virus strain was modified by removing a gene called "nef," he said. That gene is found in both HIV and SIV viruses, said Desrosiers, but its precise function is not thoroughly understood.

Because it lacked this gene, the SIV virus caused only a mild infection in the test monkeys.

Later, the four were injected with a whole virus dose equal to 10 times the minimum needed to infect an animal.

"Over the course of 37 weeks, all four were protected," said Desrosiers. "We then challenged two of those animals with 1,000 infectious doses. It's now been over 18 weeks and those two animals are still completely protected."

For comparison, animals that had not received the modified virus were injected with the whole virus at the same time as the test monkeys. All of the control animals died of simian AIDS.

TSU president disbands 'Soul' band

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Southern University officials say they are continuing to investigate a shoplifting incident during a trip to Japan that led to the dissolution of the school's famed Ocean of Soul Marching Band.

Meanwhile, a newspaper reported Friday that band leaders may have paid some non-students to perform with the band. School officials say nearly one-third of the 120 band members who went on the Japan trip were not TSU students.

Japanese police said some band members shoplifted $22,000 worth of electronics from a Tokyo shopping center last week at the conclusion of a trip where they performed during halftime of the Coca-Cola Bowl game between Nebraska and Kansas State.

Most of the shoplifted items were returned when police threatened to prohibit the band from leaving the country, Japanese police said.

TSU president William H. Harris said in a prepared statement Thursday that the Ocean of Soul had been disbanded.

"That order is effective immediately, and TSU students have marched for the last time under that once proud name," Harris said.

He also said disciplinary action had been taken against at least 12 band members who stole. He did not say what the discipline was.

TSU spokesman Chuck Smith said the punishments ranged from suspension to expulsion and possibly restitution. But he said the names of the students and their exact punishment would not be revealed because it could violate federal privacy provisions.

Harris said the school's probe of the affair showed 28 people who are not students made the trip with the band to Tokyo. Smith said he did not know whether those people shoplifted.

"Though the university can take no disciplinary action against people who are not students, it has put a ban on any future registration by these persons," Harris said.

Harris said the university was continuing to investigate and additional disciplinary action was possible.

Meanwhile, the Houston Chronicle reported Friday that a woman who asked not to be identified said her son, a TSU dropout, and four other students have been paid to play in the marching band for the past two years.

She said the non-students, including her son, received between $50 and $100 each time they went out of town for "spending change."

Harris told the newspaper if band members earned money for participating, the money came from the band director's personal account, not the university's.

"We will certainly try to find out if anybody was paid to play in the band, but we think we have procedures that won't permit that to happen," he said.

Harris has been invited to travel to Japan next month "to alleviate misunderstanding" about the shoplifting incident, according to a letter of invitation from Tele Planning International, which arranged for the band to perform in Japan.

TSU spokesman Smith said the band controversy has hit the 45-year-old school hard.

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